



10-315 Introduction to ML

Regularization

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Plan

Today

- Wrap-up neural nets (for now)
- Regularization
 - (Make sure they aren't too powerful 😊)
 - [Regularization with L2 norm](#)
 - [Regularization optimization](#)
 - [Regularization with L1 norm](#)

Regularization with L2 norm

Example: Linear regression with polynomial features

Poll 1

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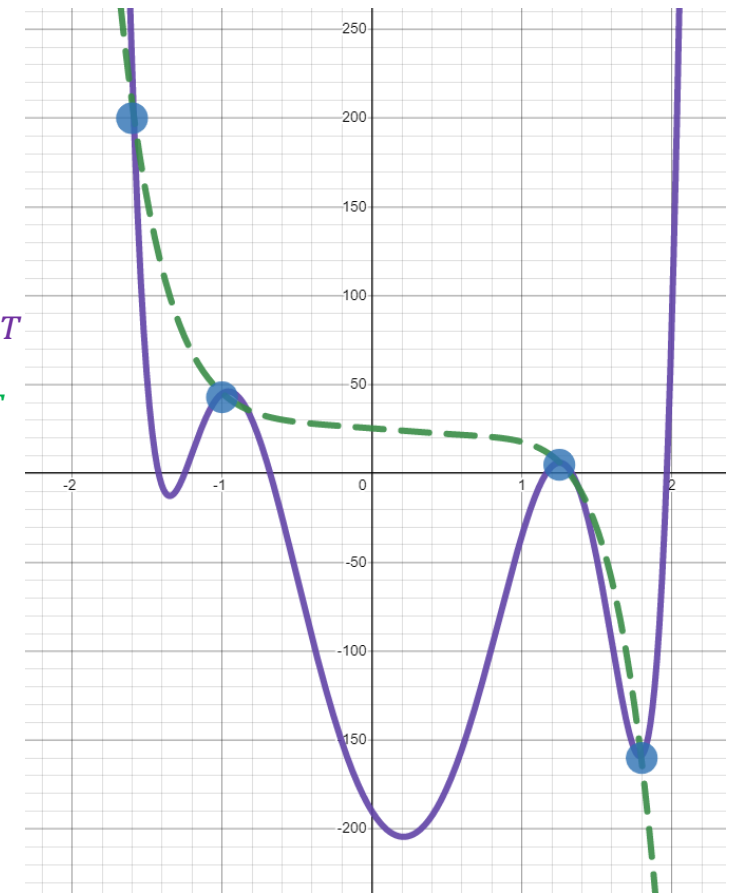
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Overfitting

Definition: The problem of **overfitting** is when the model captures the noise in the training data instead of the underlying structure

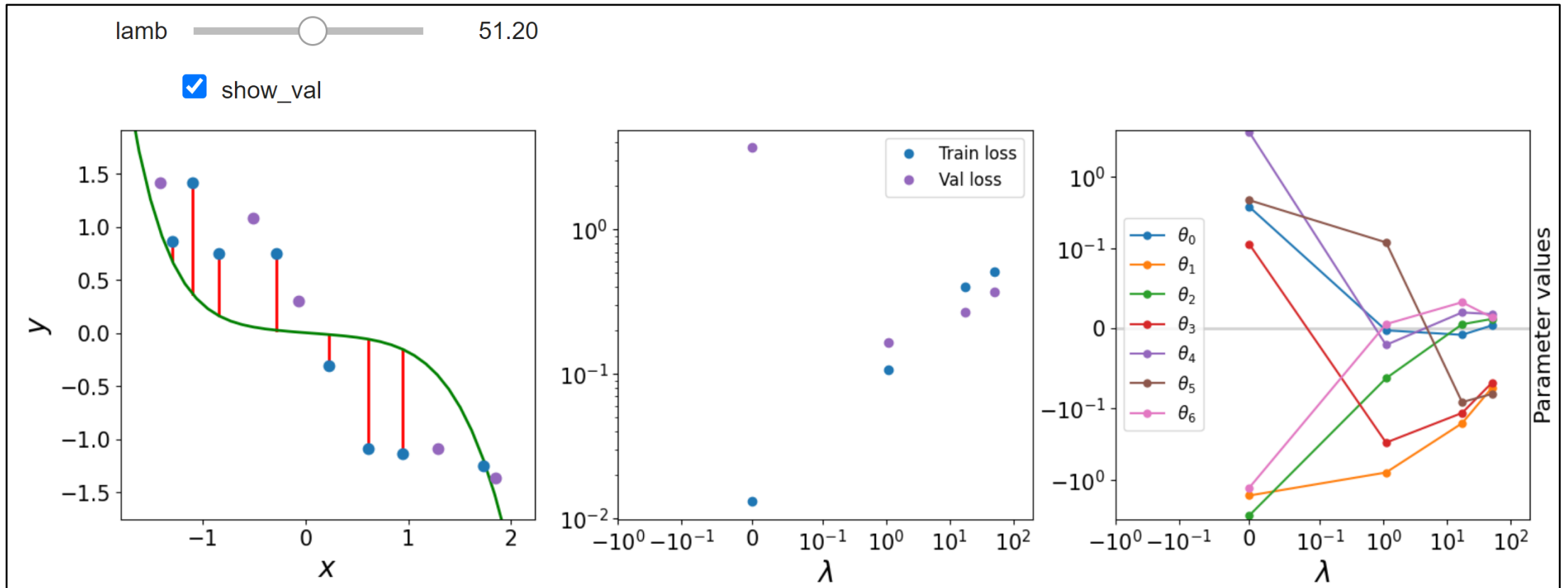
Overfitting can occur in all the models we've seen so far:

- Decision Trees (e.g. when tree is too deep)
- K-NN (e.g. when k is small)
- Linear Regression (e.g. with nonlinear features or extraneous features)
- Logistic Regression (e.g. with nonlinear features or extraneous features)
- Neural networks

Best of both worlds

How can we keep the expressive power of a complex model while still avoiding overfitting?

Notebook demo: [regression_regularization.ipynb](#)

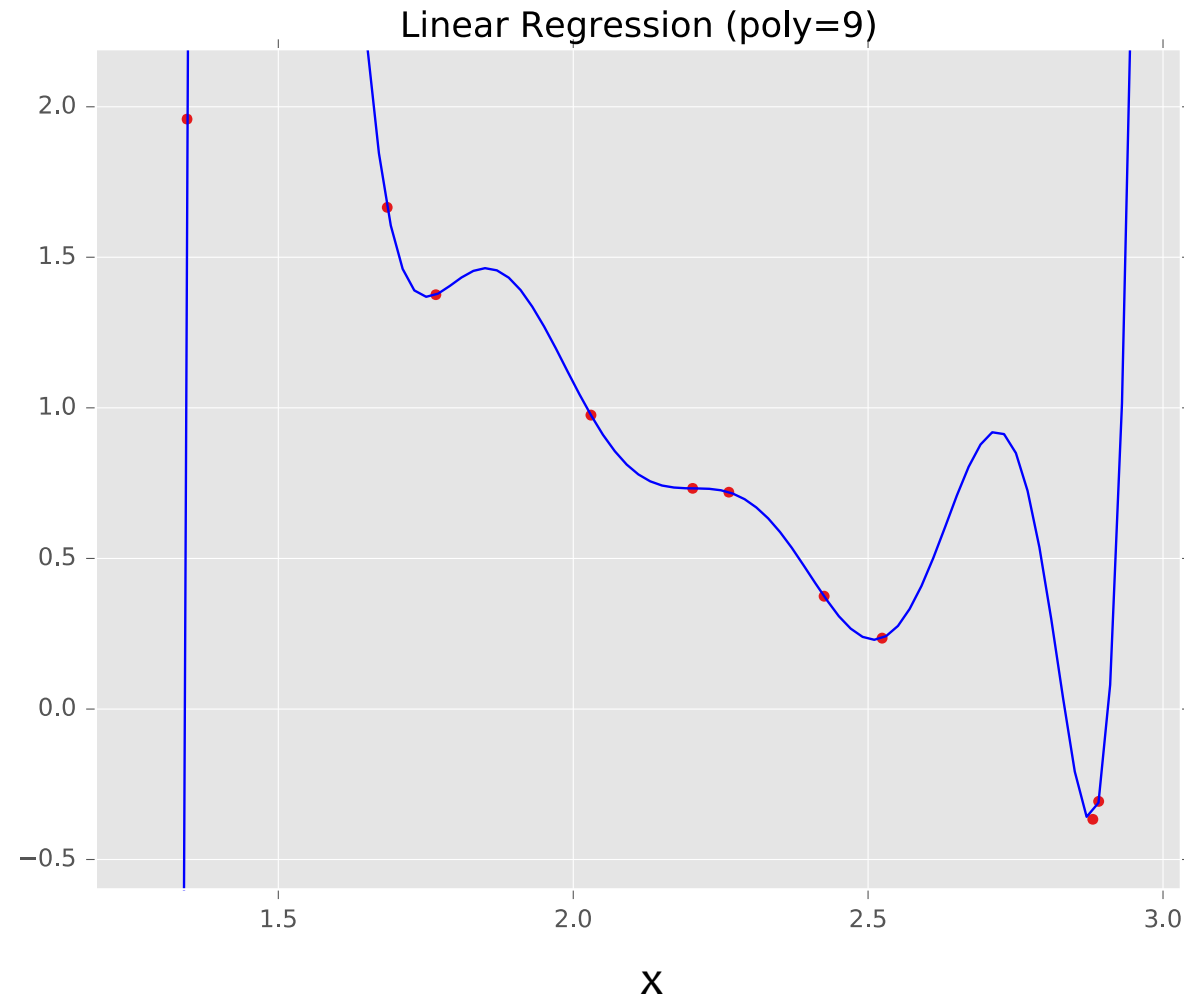


Example: Linear Regression

Goal: Learn $y = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) + b$
where $\mathbf{f}(\cdot)$ is a polynomial
basis function

y	x	x^2	...	x^9
2.0	1.2	$(1.2)^2$	...	$(1.2)^9$
1.3	1.7	$(1.7)^2$	...	$(1.7)^9$
0.1	2.7	$(2.7)^2$	...	$(2.7)^9$
1.1	1.9	$(1.9)^2$	...	$(1.9)^9$

true “unknown”
target function is
linear with
negative slope
and gaussian
noise



Symptoms of Overfitting

	$M = 0$	$M = 1$	$M = 3$	$M = 9$
θ_0	0.19	0.82	0.31	0.35
θ_1		-1.27	7.99	232.37
θ_2			-25.43	-5321.83
θ_3			17.37	48568.31
θ_4				-231639.30
θ_5				640042.26
θ_6				-1061800.52
θ_7				1042400.18
θ_8				-557682.99
θ_9				125201.43

Motivation: Regularization

Occam's Razor: prefer the simplest hypothesis

What does it mean for a hypothesis (or model) to be simple?

1. small number of features (model selection)
 2. small number of "important" features (feature reduction)
 - 3. small values for associated parameters
- $\| \theta \|_2^2$ L_2 -norm
- L_1

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Regularization

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$$25 + 36 + 4 = 65$$

B. $\theta_B = [0, 3, -4, 0]^T$

$$25$$

Poll 2

Which model do you prefer?

A. $\theta_A = [-190.0, -135.0, 310.0, 45.0]^T$ Training error: 0.0

B. $\theta_B = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]^T$ Training error: 34.2

Flat ☹

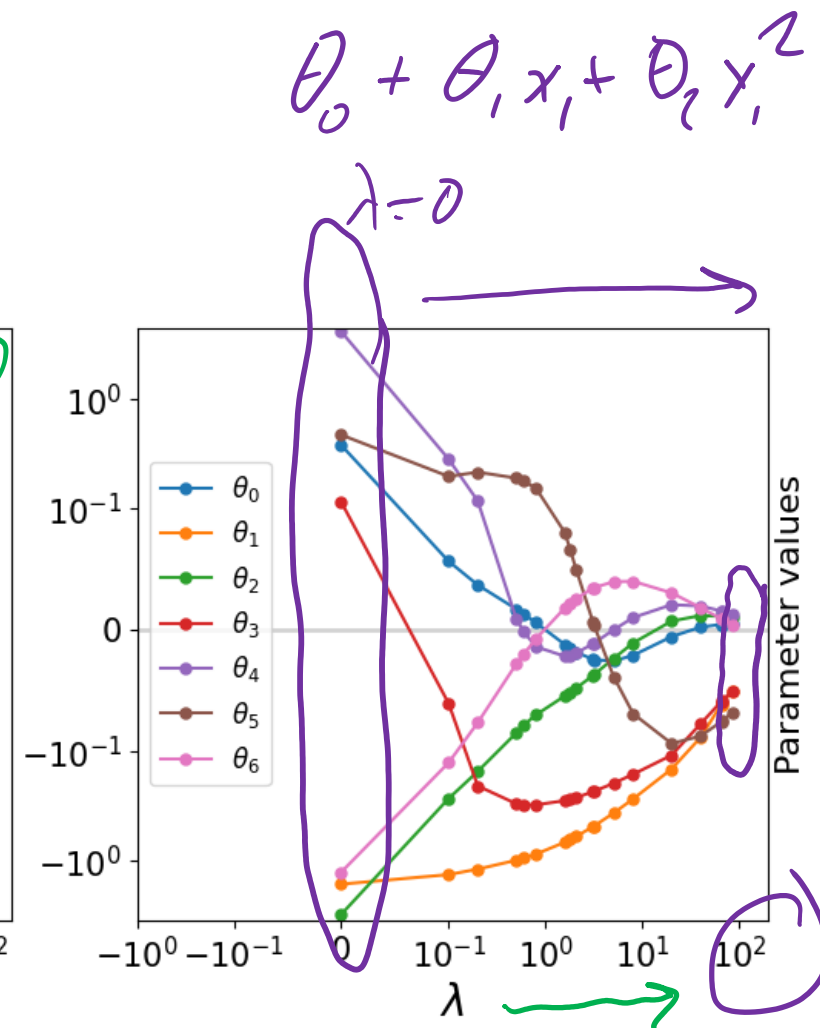
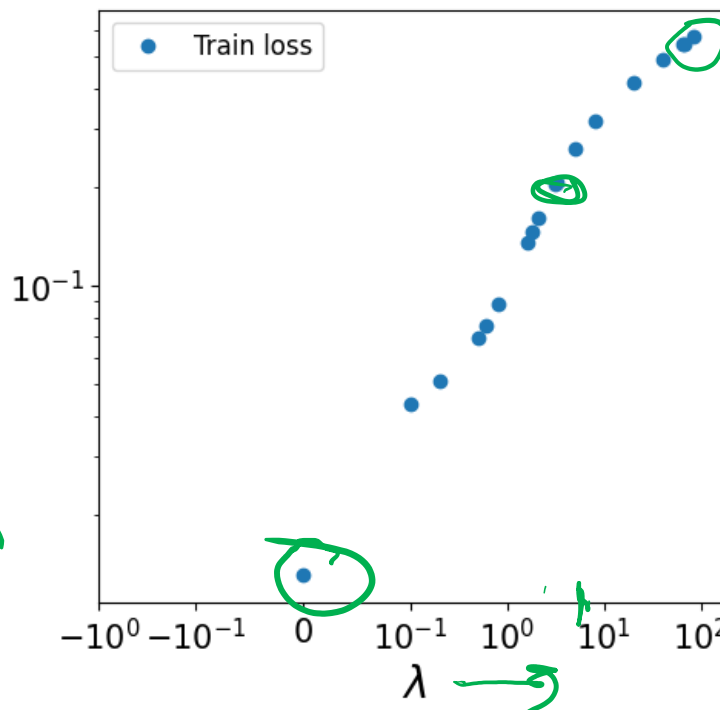
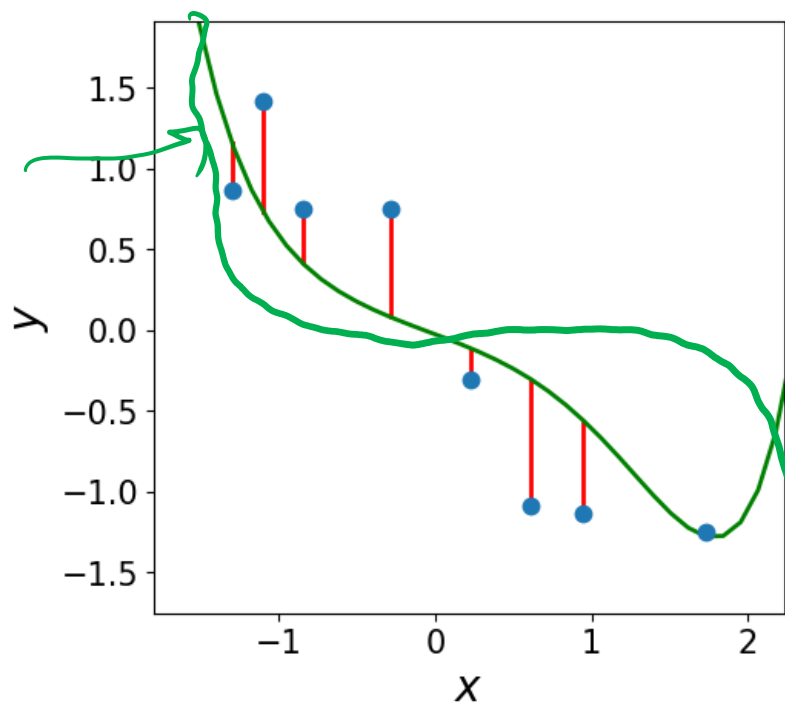
Poll 3

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What is the best value for lambda?

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(\theta) + \lambda r(\theta)$$

(Handwritten: $J(\theta)$ in red, $\lambda r(\theta)$ in blue, with a green circle around $r(\theta)$ and a purple arrow pointing to it)

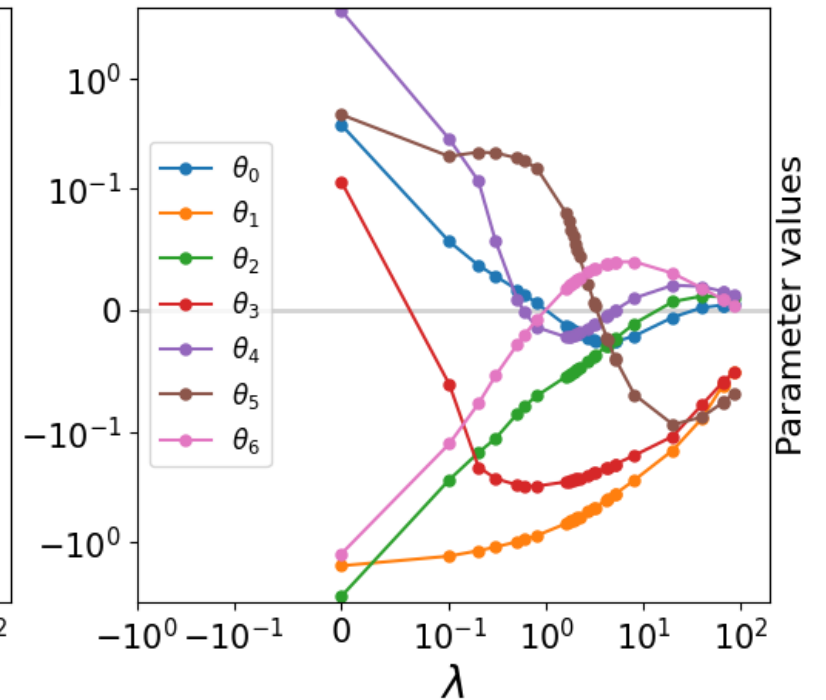
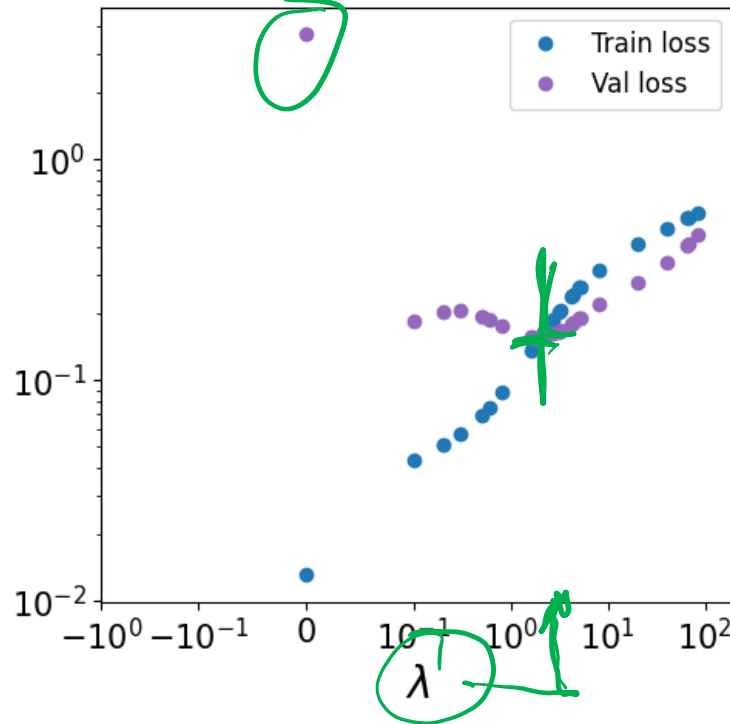
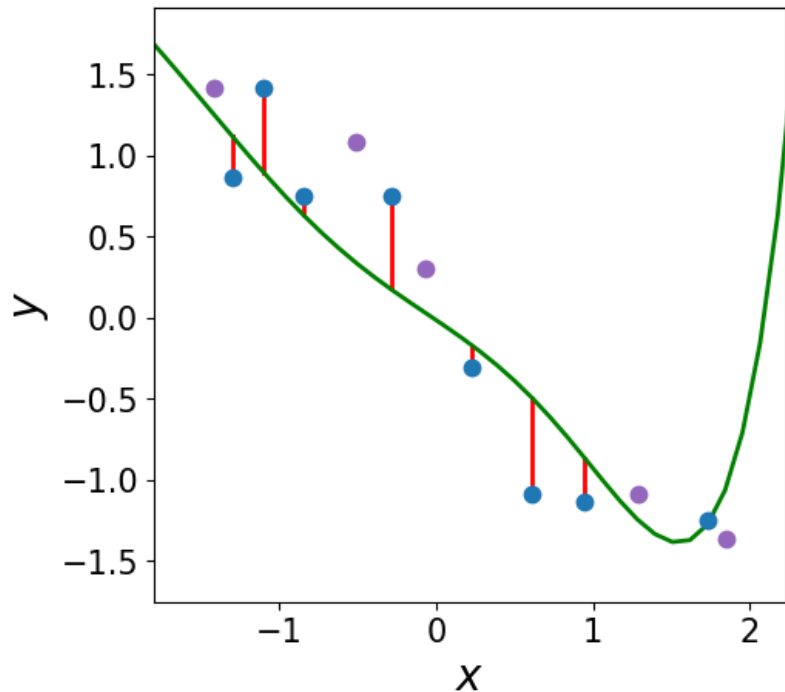


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$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} J(\theta) + \lambda r(\theta) \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{2} \|\theta\|_2^2$$



Regularization

Given objective function: $J(\theta) = \|\vec{y} - X\vec{\theta}\|_2^2$

Goal is to find: $\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \underbrace{J(\theta)} + \lambda \underbrace{r(\theta)}$

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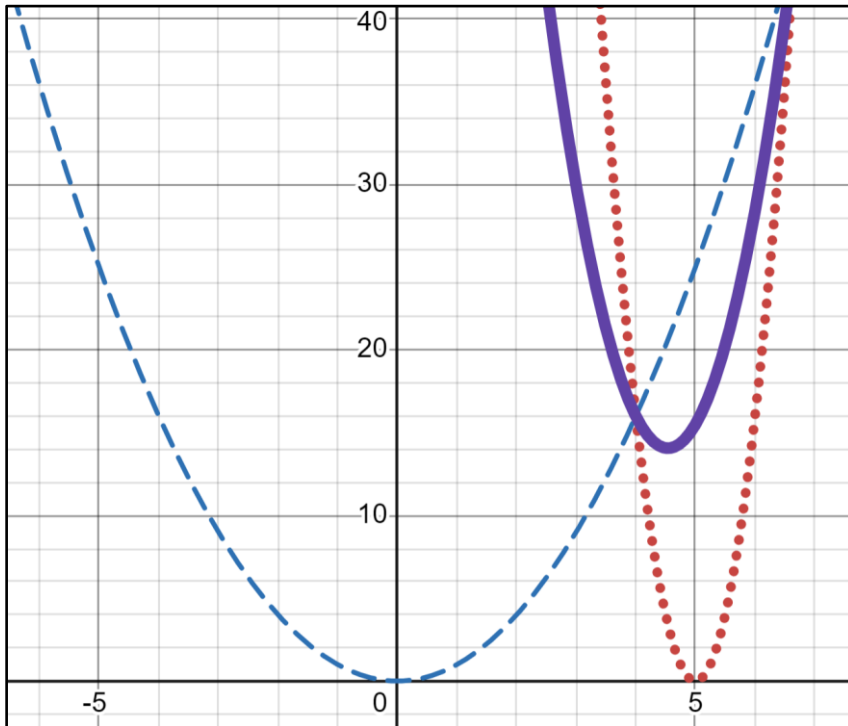
Choose form of $r(\theta)$: $\neq \|\theta\|_2^2$

Regularization

L2 Demos

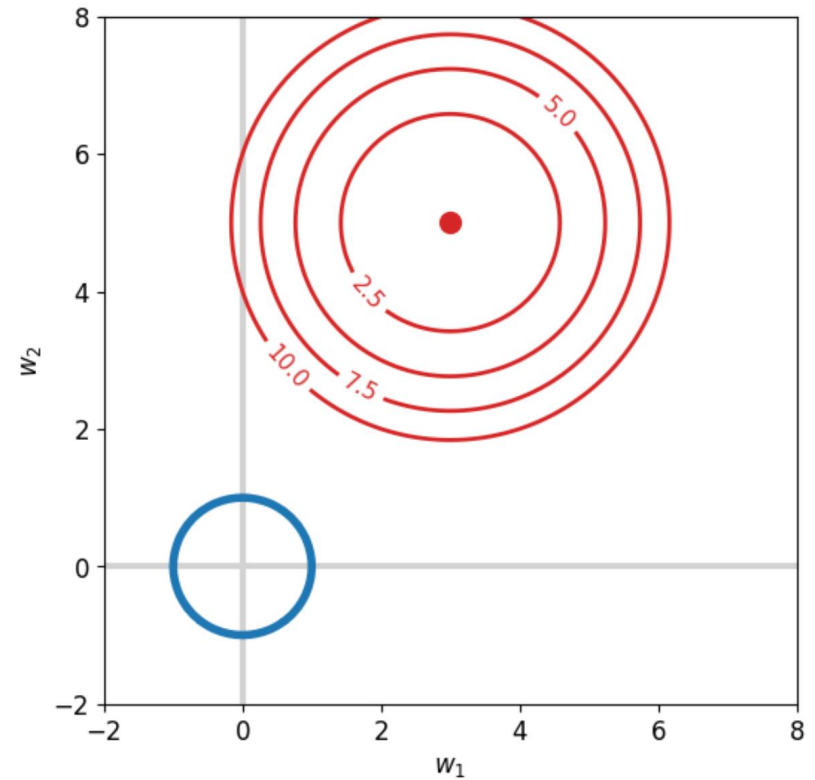
Desmos: 1-D

[Regularization Interpolation](#)

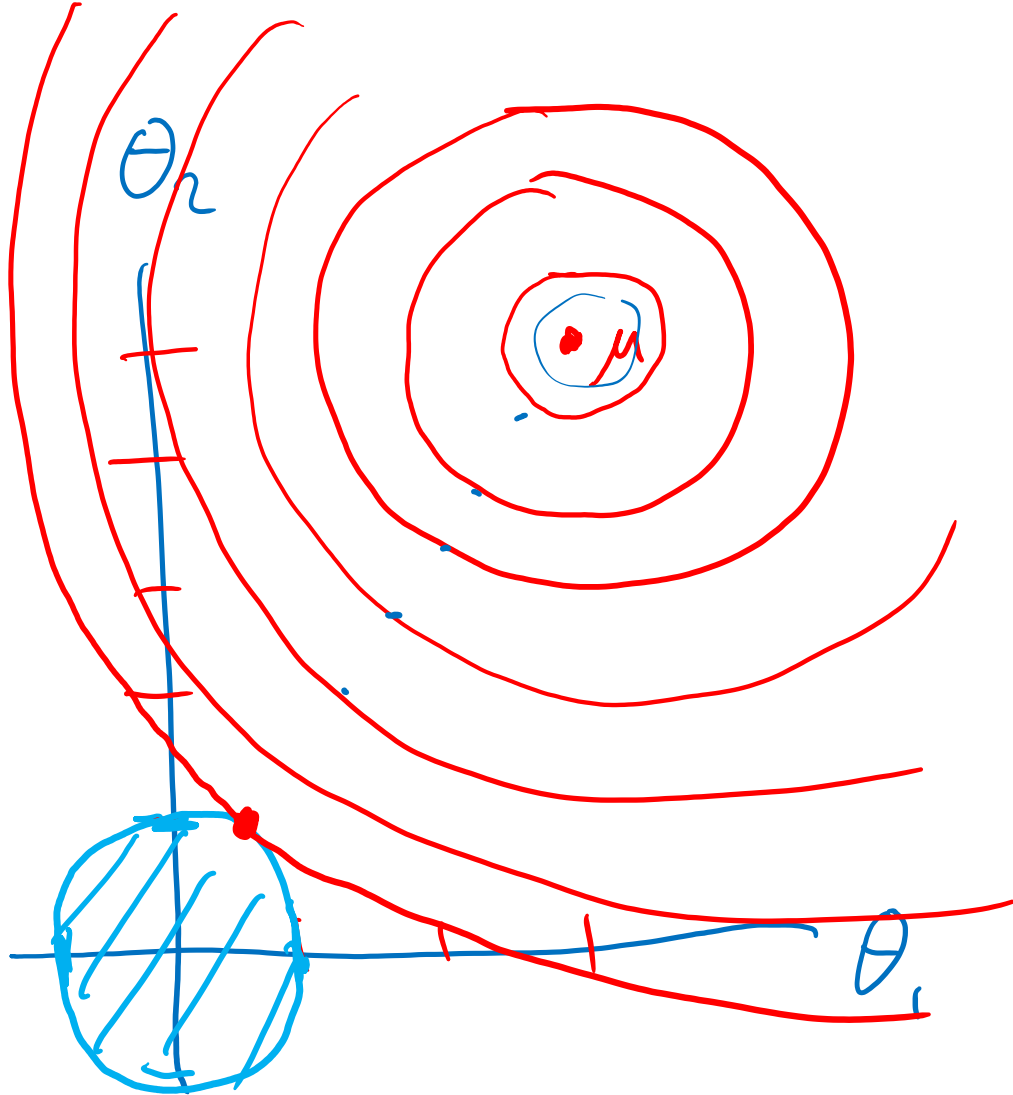


Notebook: 2-D

[L1 sparsity.ipynb](#) (L2 part for now)



Regularization



$$J(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \|\vec{\theta} - \vec{\mu}\| \quad \mu = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\min_{\theta} J(\theta_1, \theta_2)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \|\theta\|_2 \leq 1$$

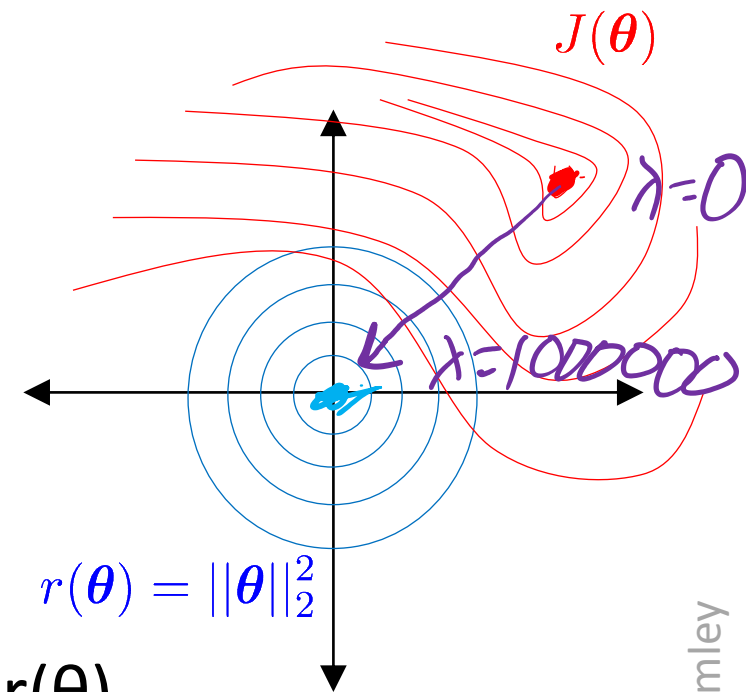
Poll 4

Suppose we are minimizing $J'(\theta)$ where

$$J'(\theta) = \underline{J(\theta)} + \lambda \underline{r(\theta)}$$

As λ increases, the minimum of $J'(\theta)$ will...

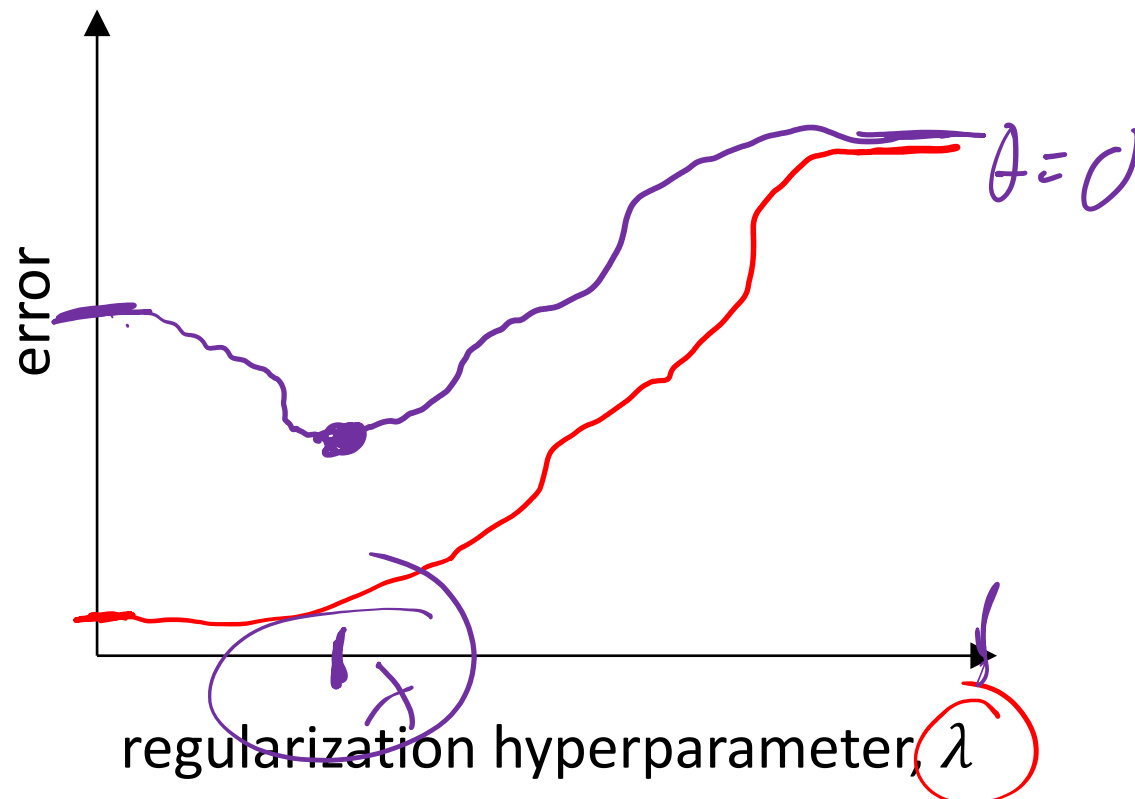
- A. ...move towards the midpoint between $J'(\theta)$ and $r(\theta)$
- B. ...move towards the minimum of $J(\theta)$
- ☒ C. ...move towards the minimum of $r(\theta)$
- D. ...move towards a theta vector of positive infinities
- E. ...move towards a theta vector of negative infinities
- F. ...stay the same



Regularization Exercise

In-class Exercise

1. Plot train error vs. regularization hyperparameter (cartoon)
2. Plot validation error vs. regularization hyperparameter (cartoon)



$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \underline{J(\theta)} + \lambda r(\theta)$$

$$J_{val}(\theta)$$

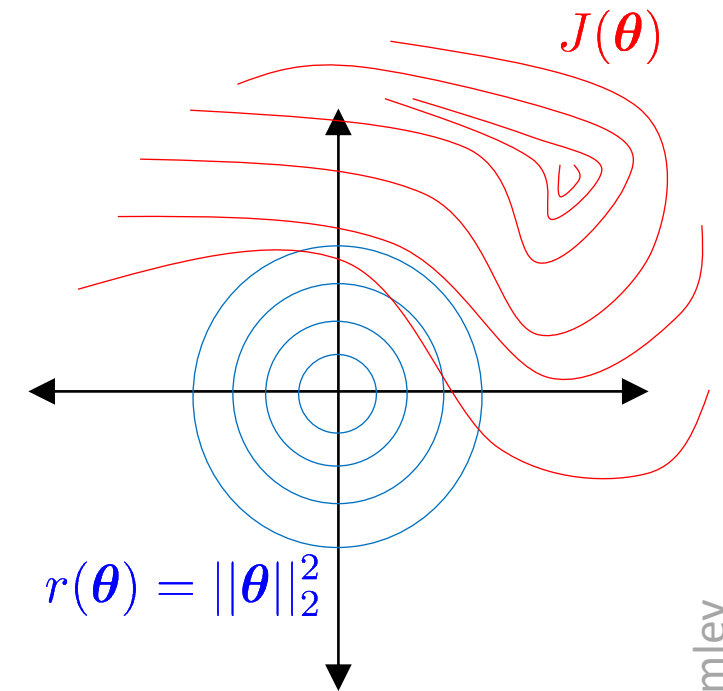
Poll 5

Suppose we are minimizing $J'(\theta)$ where

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As we increase λ from zero, the **validation** error will...

- A. ...increase
- B. ...decrease
- C. ...first increase, then decrease
- ☒ D. ...first decrease, then increase
- E. ...stay the same



Poll 6

As we increase λ , our model is more likely to:

A. Overfit

B. Underfit

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Regularization



Don't Regularize the Bias (Intercept) Parameter

- In our models so far, the bias / intercept parameter is usually denoted by θ_0 - that is, the parameter for which we fixed $x_0 = 1$
- Regularizers always avoid penalizing this bias / intercept parameter
- Why? Because otherwise the learning algorithms wouldn't be invariant to a shift in the y-values

Whitening Data

$$X = (x_{\text{raw}} - \mu) / \sigma$$

- It's common to *whiten* each feature by subtracting its mean and dividing by its variance
- For regularization, this helps all the features be penalized in the same units (e.g. convert both centimeters and kilometers to z-scores)

Regularization Optimization

Linear Regression with L2 Regularization

a.k.a Ridge regression or Tychonov regression

denom

$$J(\theta) = \|y - X\theta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_2^2$$
$$(y - xw)^2 + \lambda w^2$$
$$\frac{dJ}{d\theta} = 0 = -2X^T(\bar{y} - X\bar{\theta}) + 2\lambda\theta$$

$$= -X^T y + \underline{X^T X \theta + \lambda \theta}$$

$$X^T y = \cancel{(X^T X + \lambda) \theta} = (X^T X + \lambda I_n) \theta$$

$$(X^T X + \lambda I_n)^{-1} X^T y = \theta$$

Linear Algebra Timeout

$$Av + cv = (A + cI)v$$

Distribution of multiplication and addition with scalar involved

Original

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \quad v \quad + c v$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

Broken

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \right) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$(A + c)v$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\neq \begin{bmatrix} 28 \\ 28 \end{bmatrix}$$

Fixed

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$(A + cI)v$

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Regularization with L1 norm

Model Preference

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What if $\mathbf{x}$ was a vector of input feature measurements (rather than polynomial features)?

Motivation: Regularization

Example: Stock Prices

Suppose we wish to predict Google's stock price at time $t+1$

What features should we use?
(putting all computational concerns aside)

- Stock prices of all other stocks at times t , $t-1$, $t-2$, ..., $t-k$
- Mentions of Google with positive / negative sentiment words in all newspapers and social media outlets

Do we believe that **all** of these features are going to be useful?

S&P 500 (1950-2016)



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$$\begin{aligned} &= \|\theta\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |\theta_j| \\ &= \|\theta\|_0 = \sum \mathbb{1}(\theta_j \neq 0) \end{aligned}$$

Regularization

$$\|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2^2$$

$$\|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_1$$

$$\|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_0$$

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65

15

4

B. $\boldsymbol{\theta}_B = [0, 3, -4, 0]^T$

25

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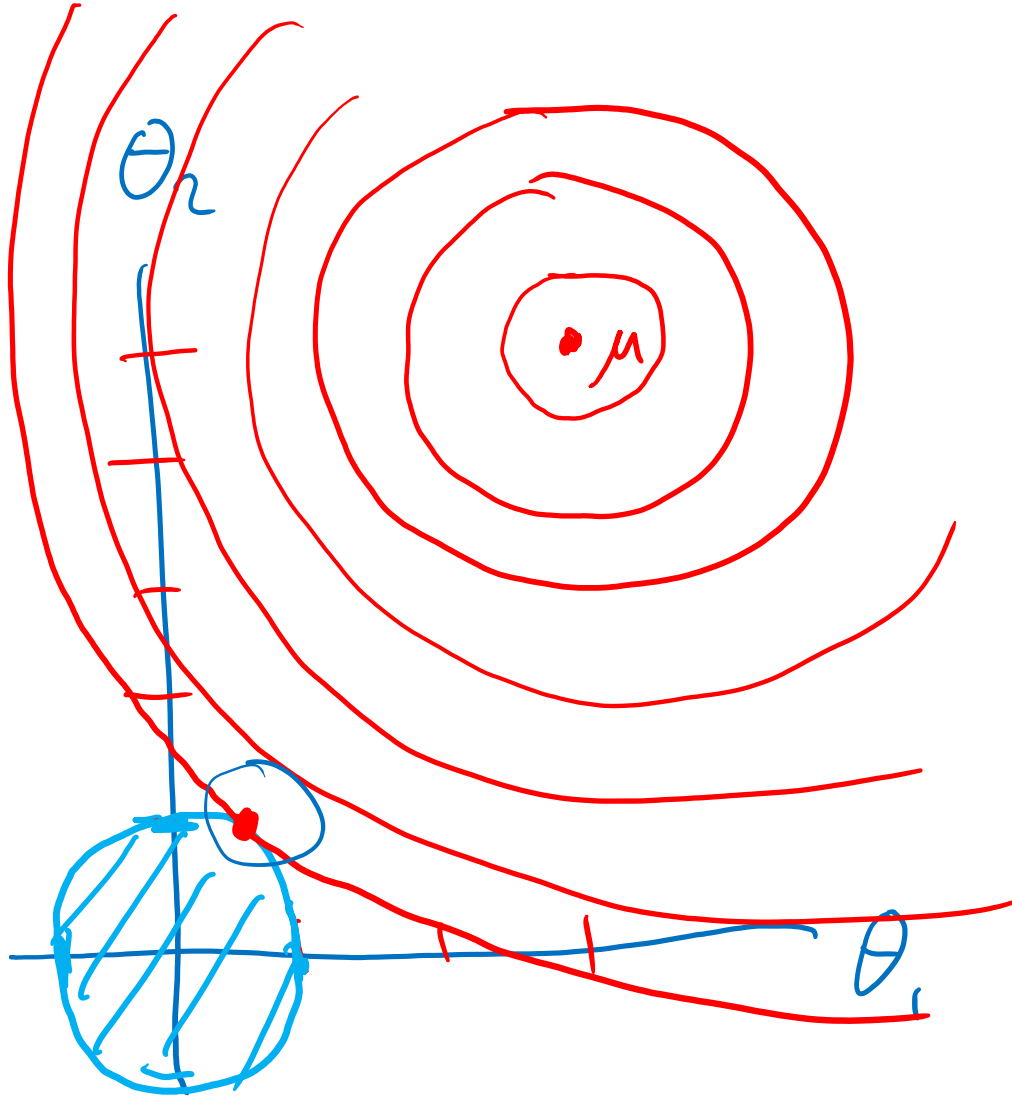
- Example: q-norm (usually p-norm)

$$r(\theta) = ||\theta||_q = \left[\sum_{m=1}^M ||\theta_m||^q \right]^{\left(\frac{1}{q}\right)}$$

q	$r(\theta)$	yields parameters that are...	name	optimization notes
0	$ \theta _0 = \sum \mathbb{1}(\theta_m \neq 0)$	zero values	L0 reg.	no good computational solutions
1	$ \theta _1 = \sum \theta_m $	zero values	L1 reg.	subdifferentiable
2	$(\theta _2)^2 = \sum \theta_m^2$	small values	L2 reg.	differentiable



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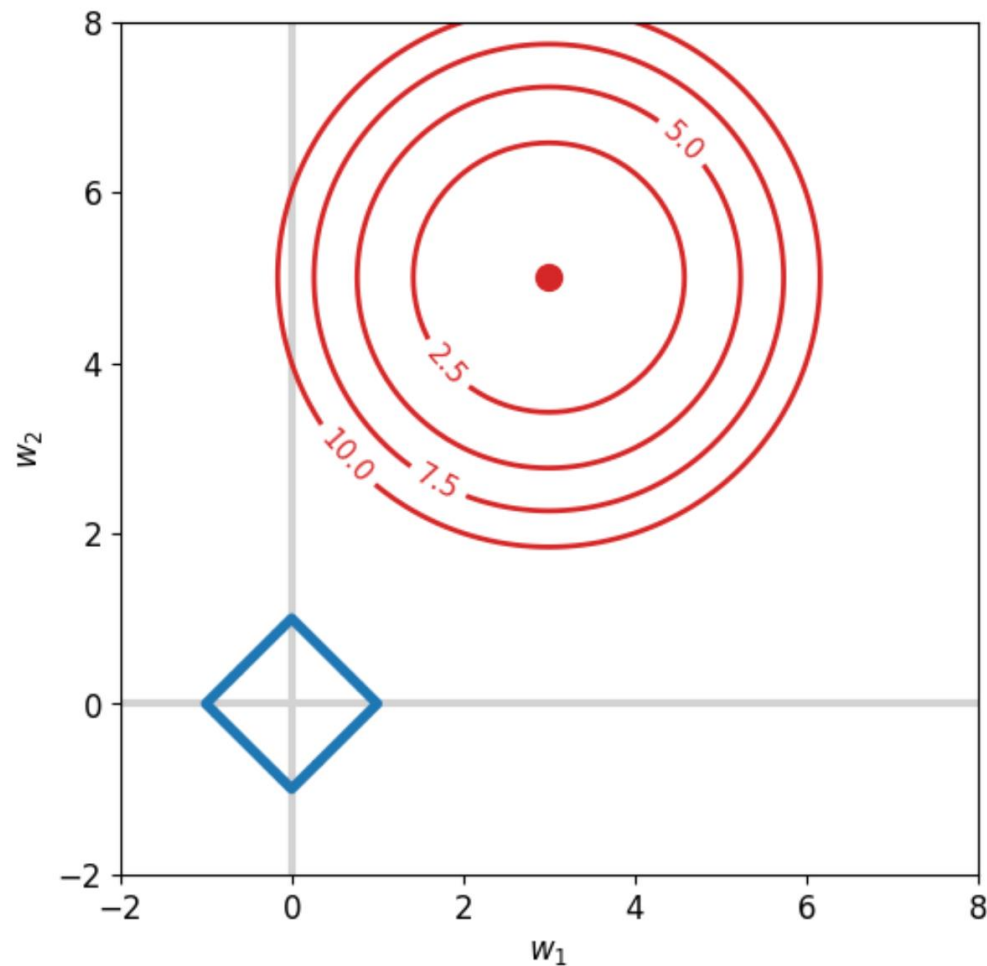
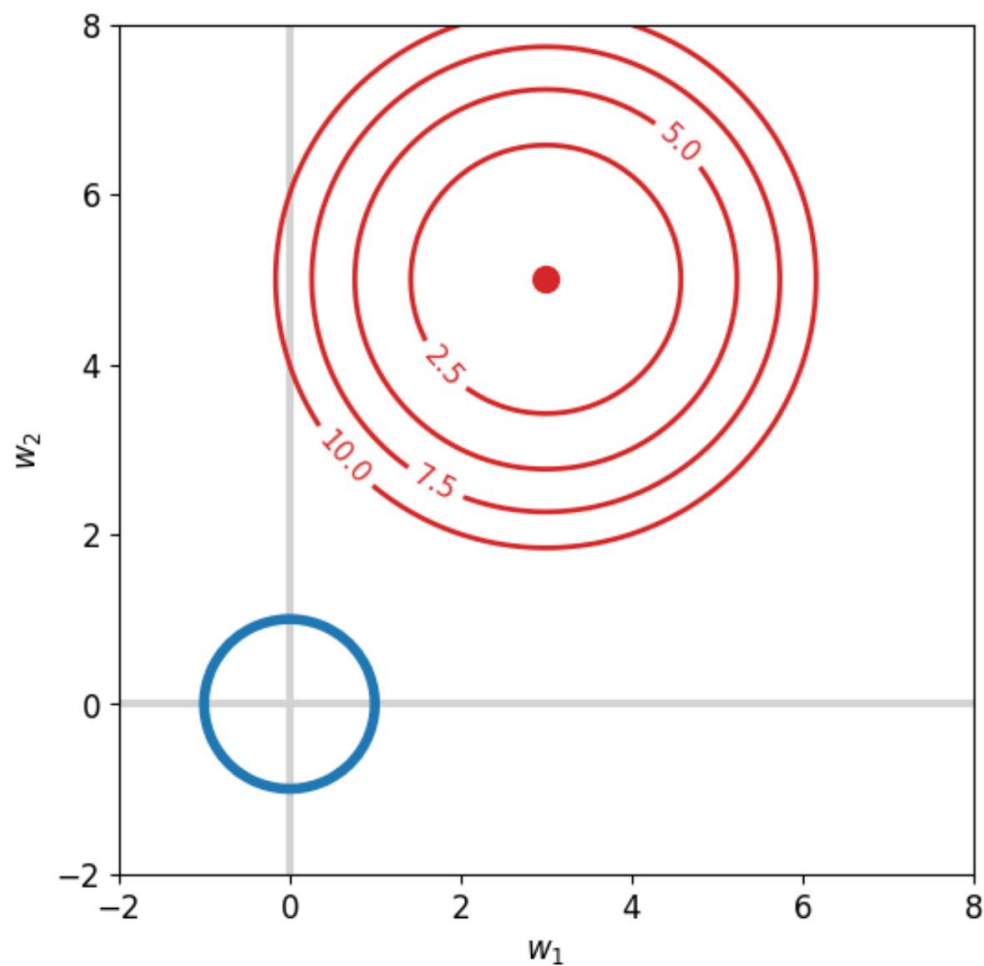
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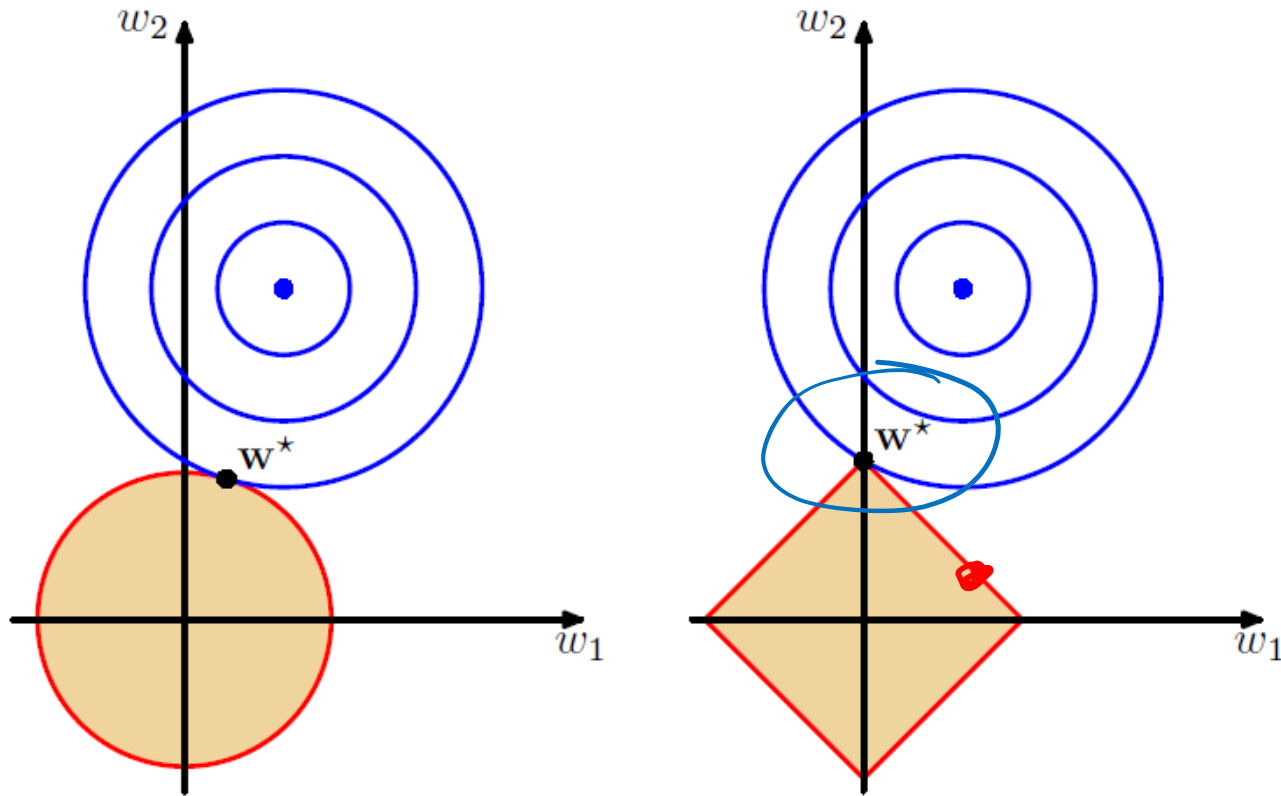
Regularization

L1 demo: [L1_sparsity.ipynb](#)



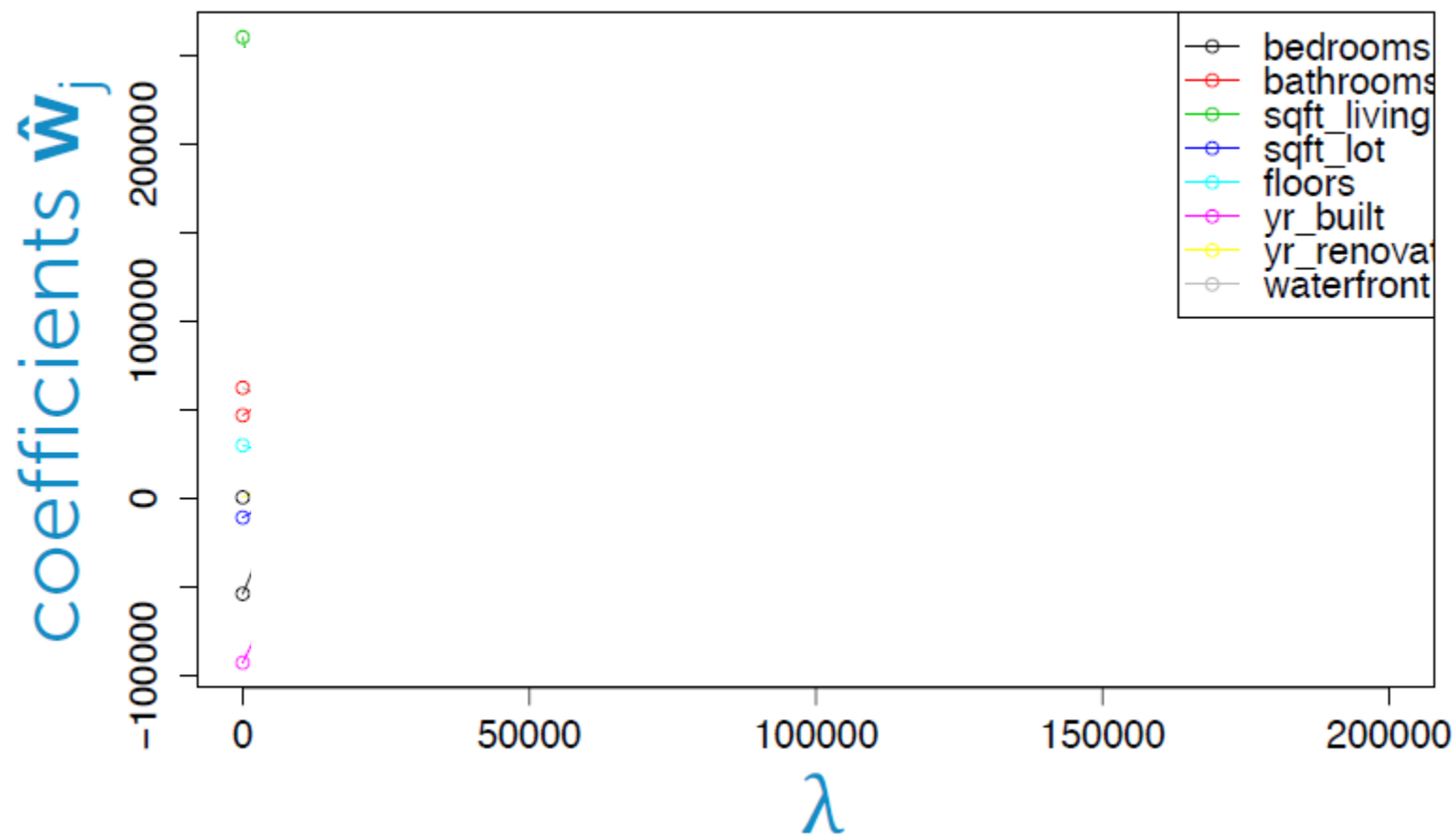
L2 vs L1 Regularization

Combine original objective with penalty on parameters



L2 vs L1: Housing Price Example

Predict housing price from several features



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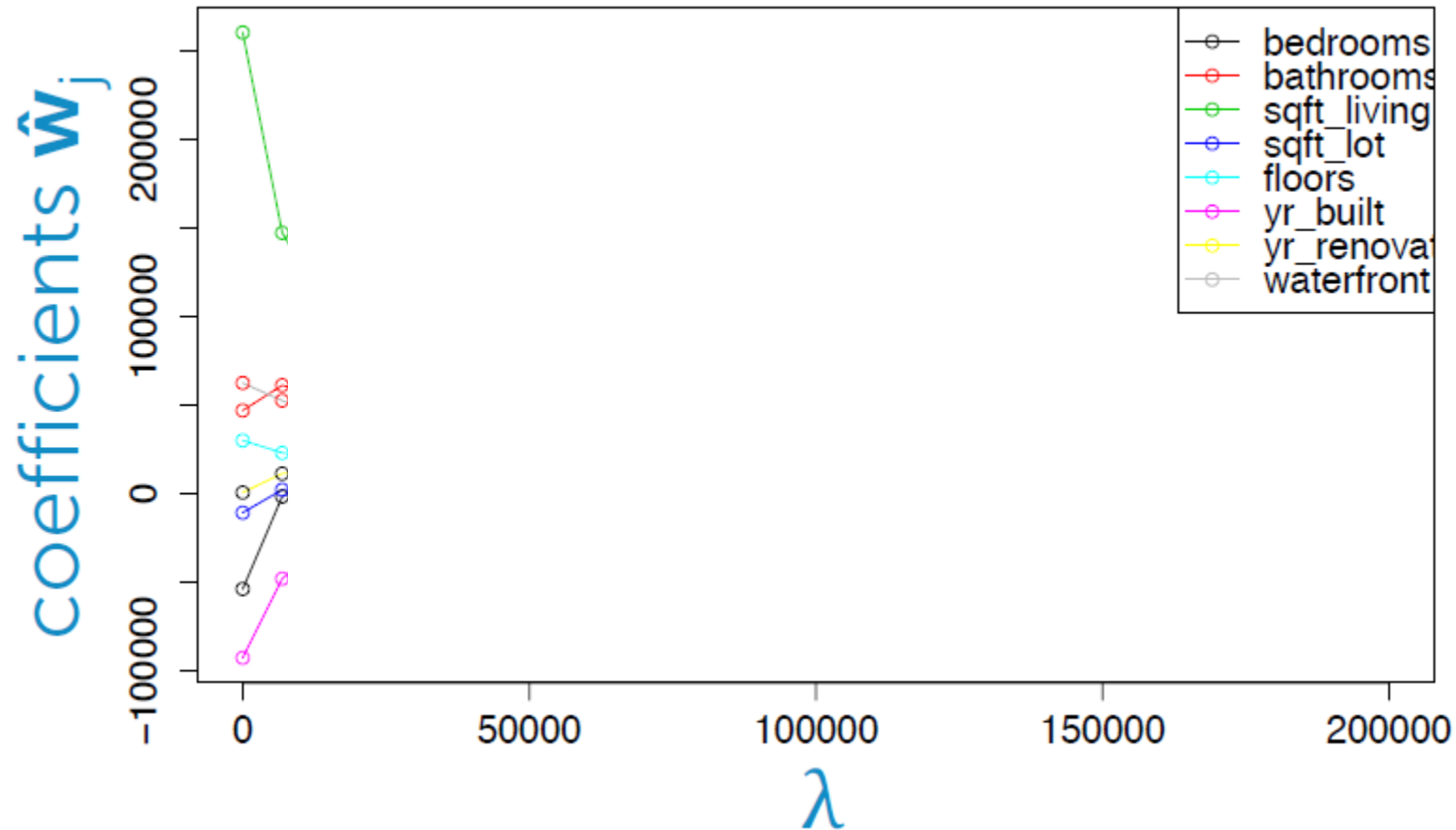


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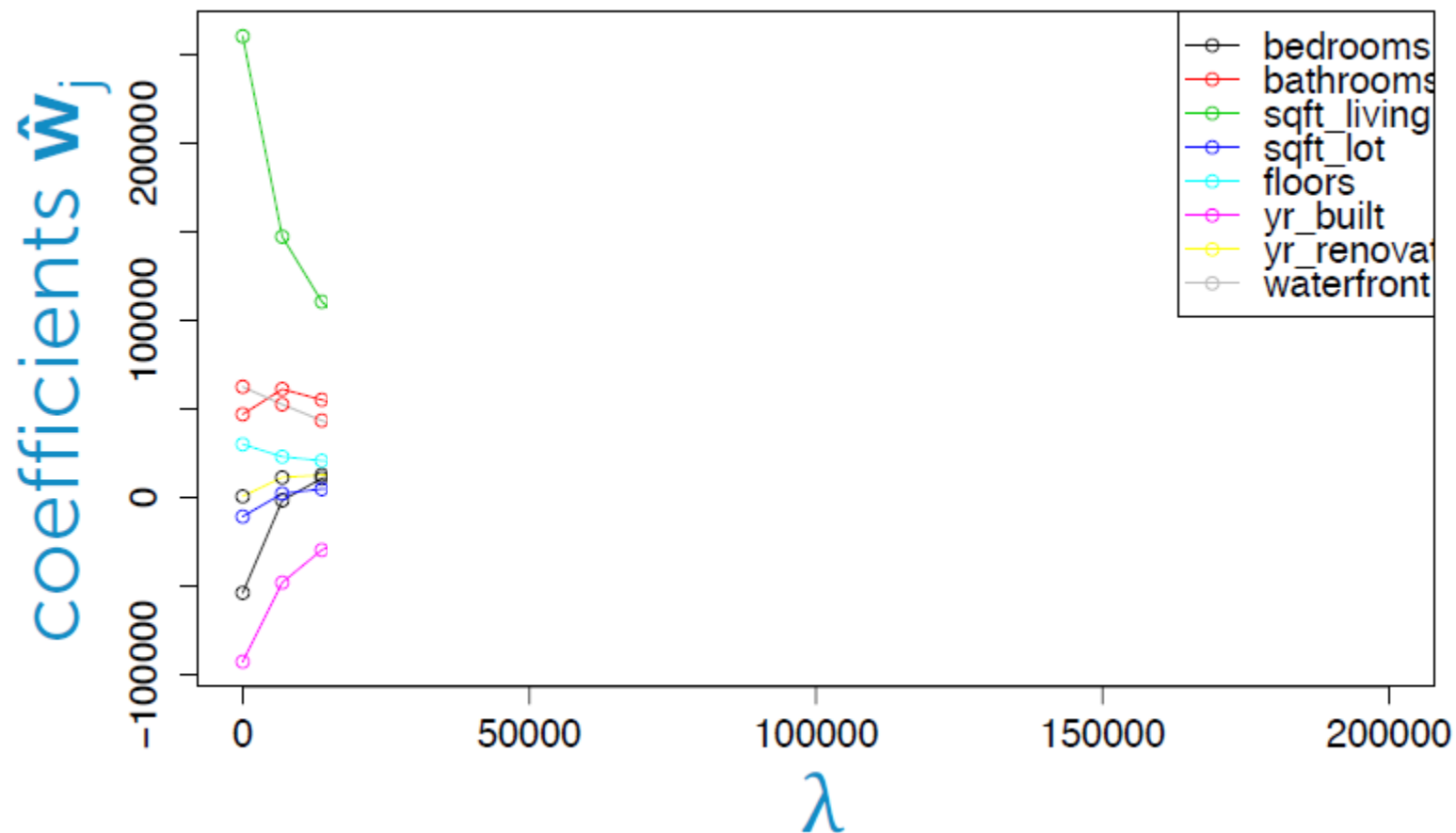


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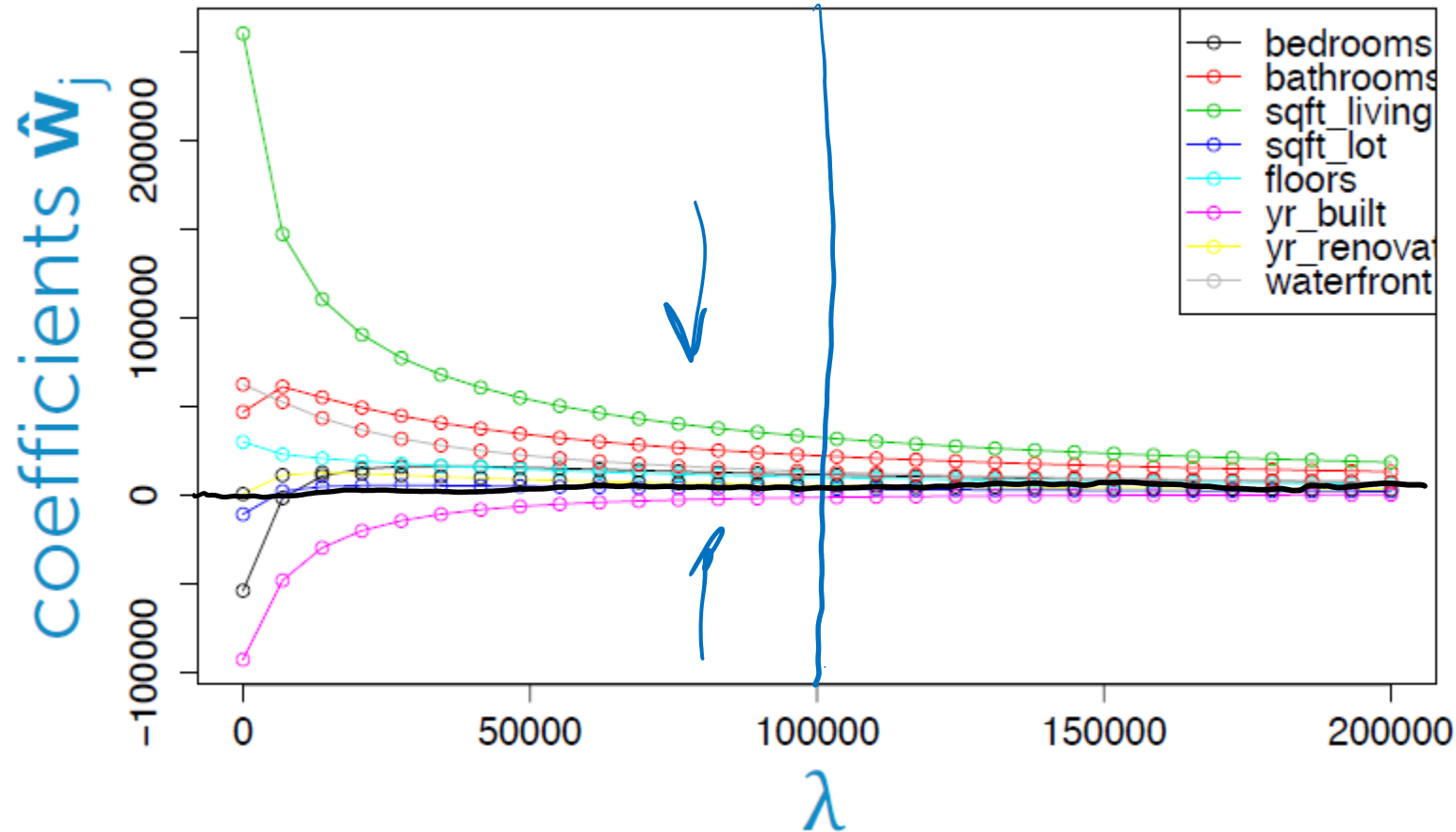


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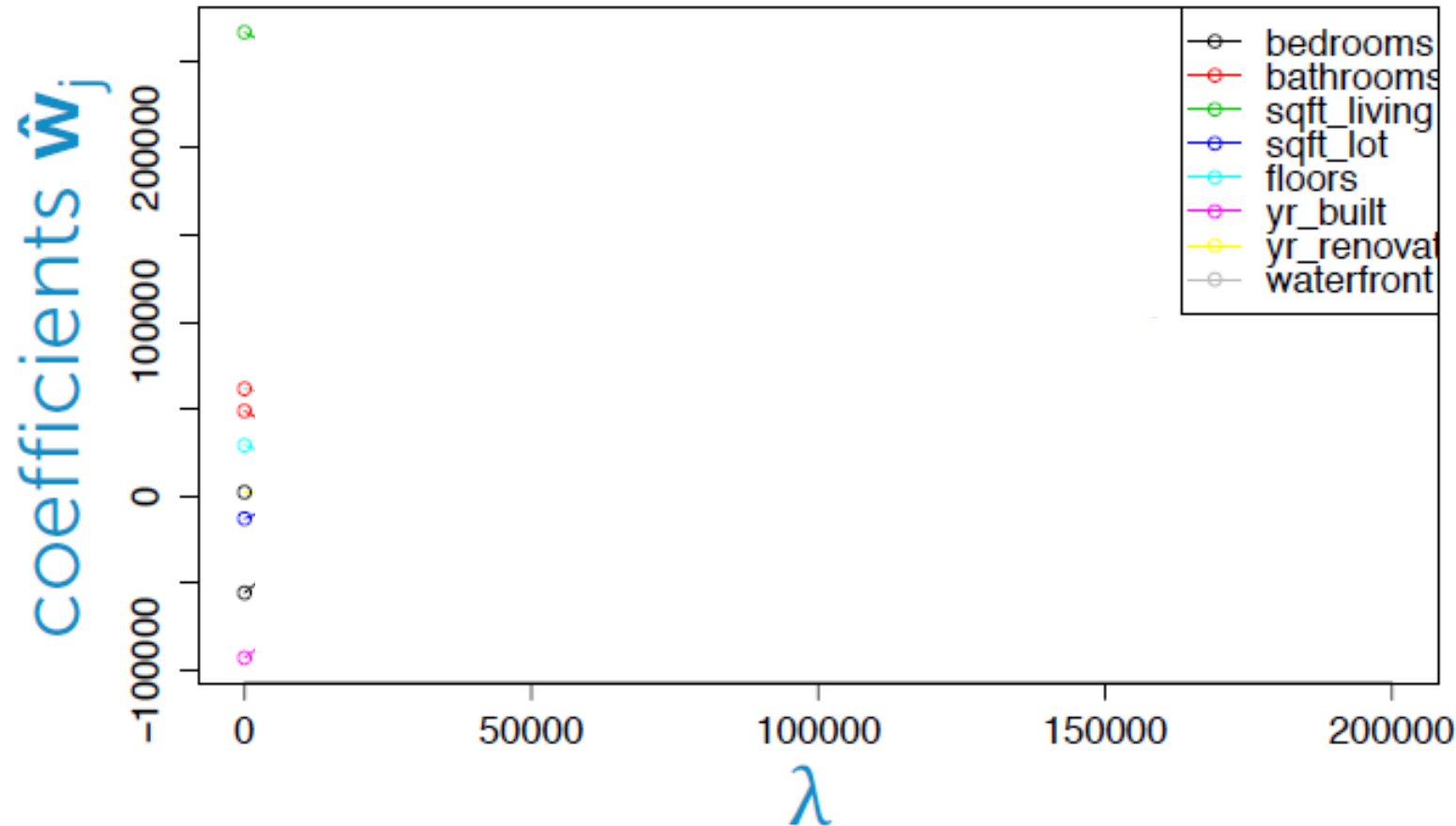
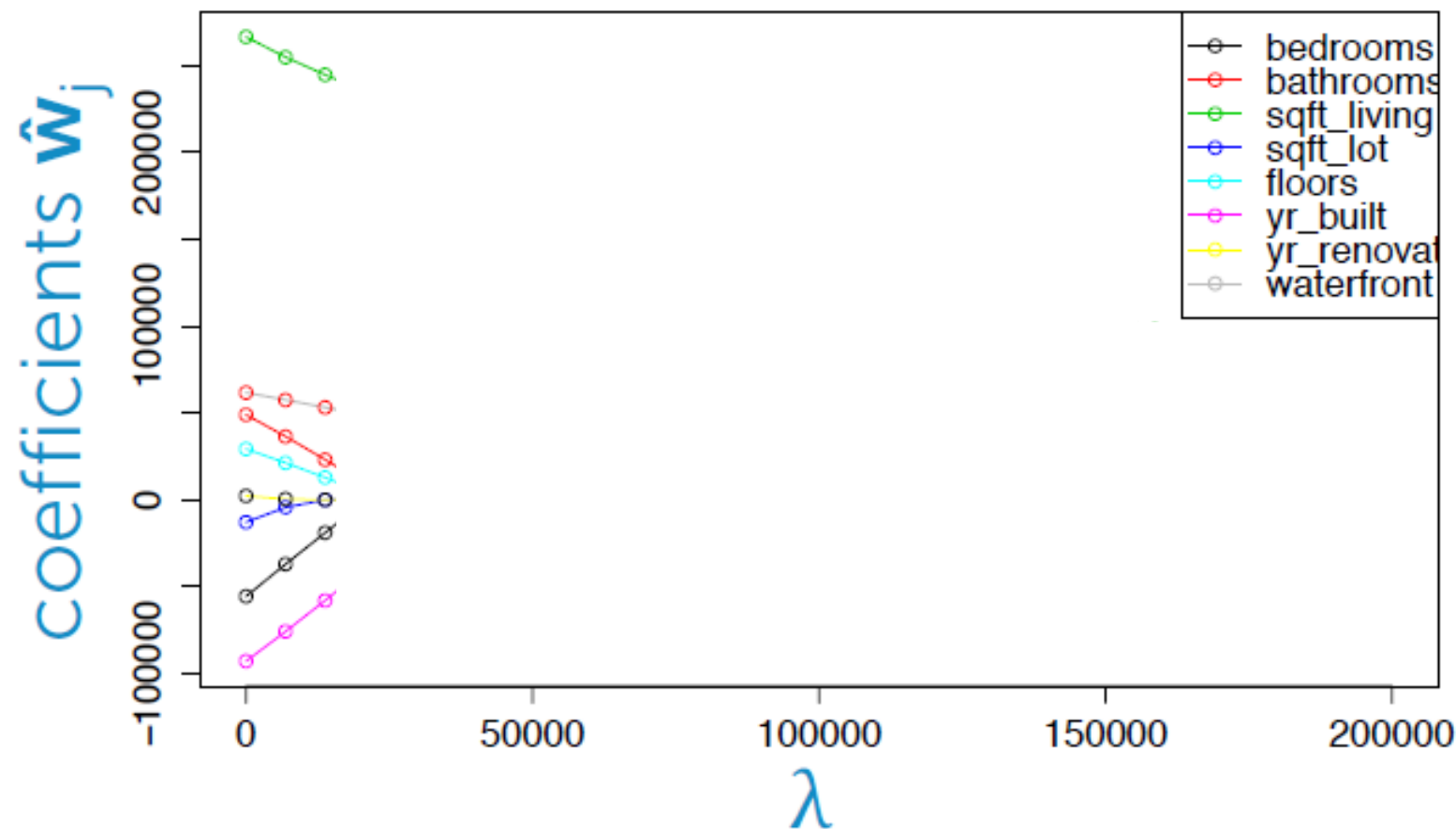


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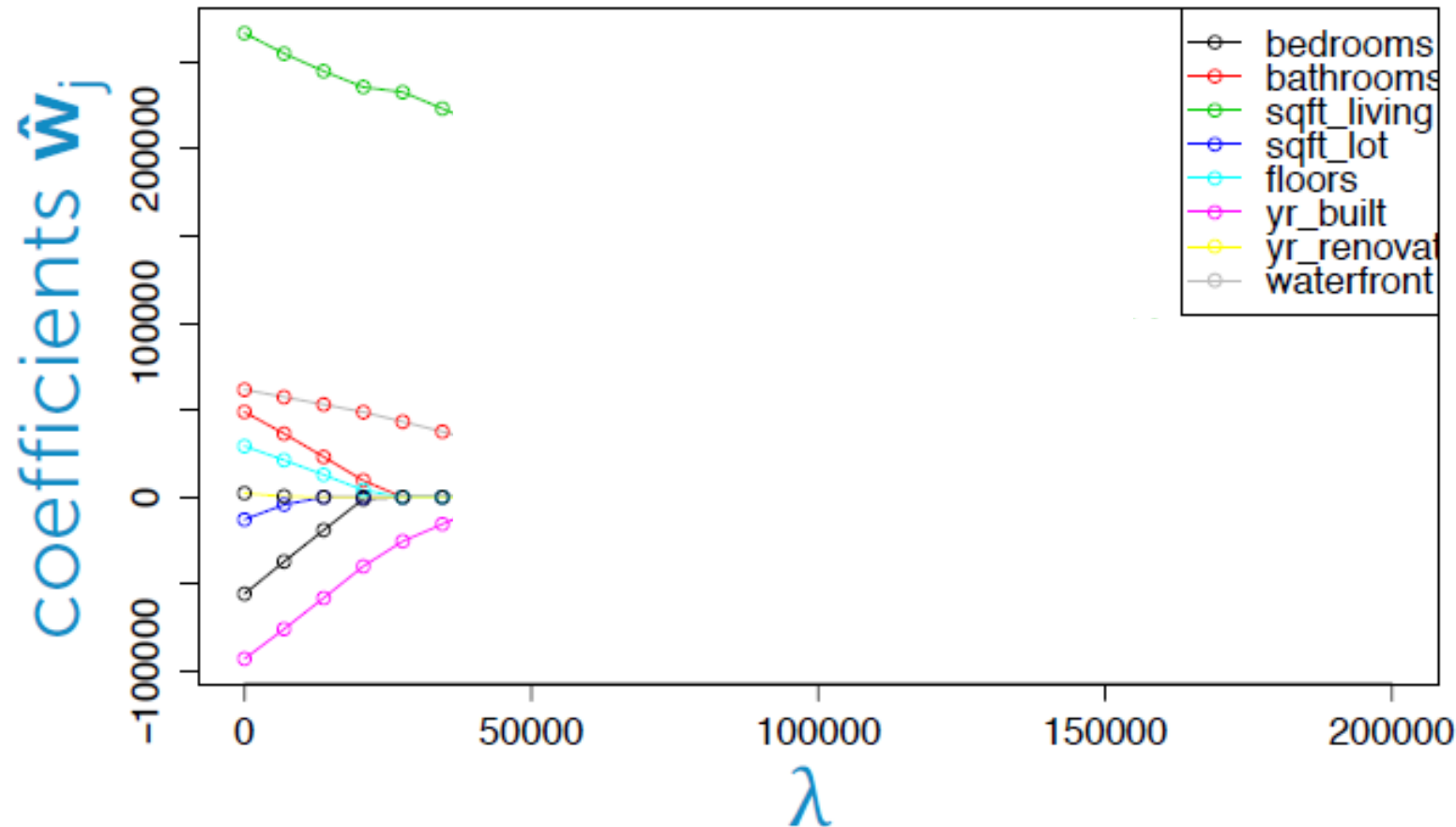


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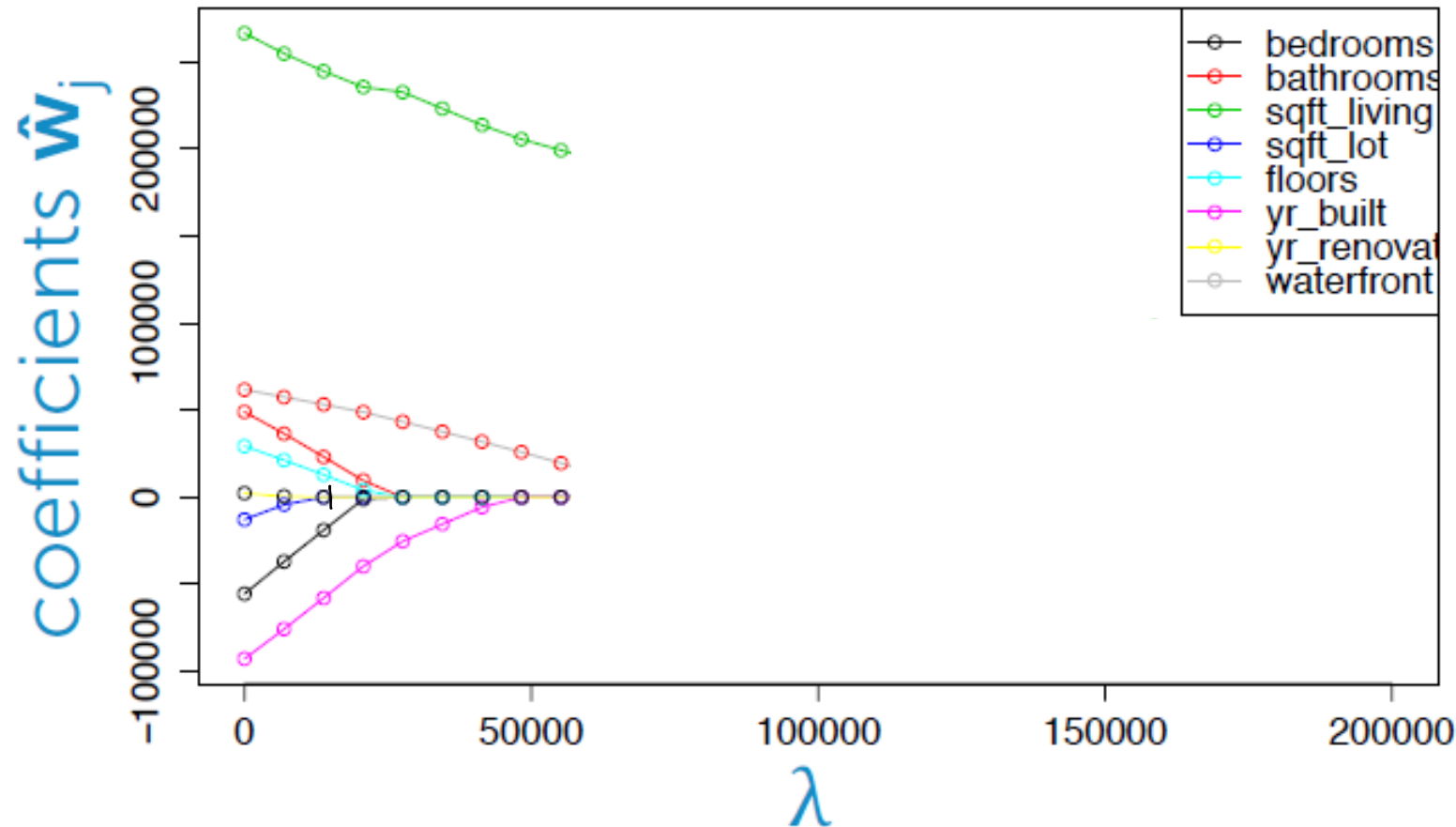


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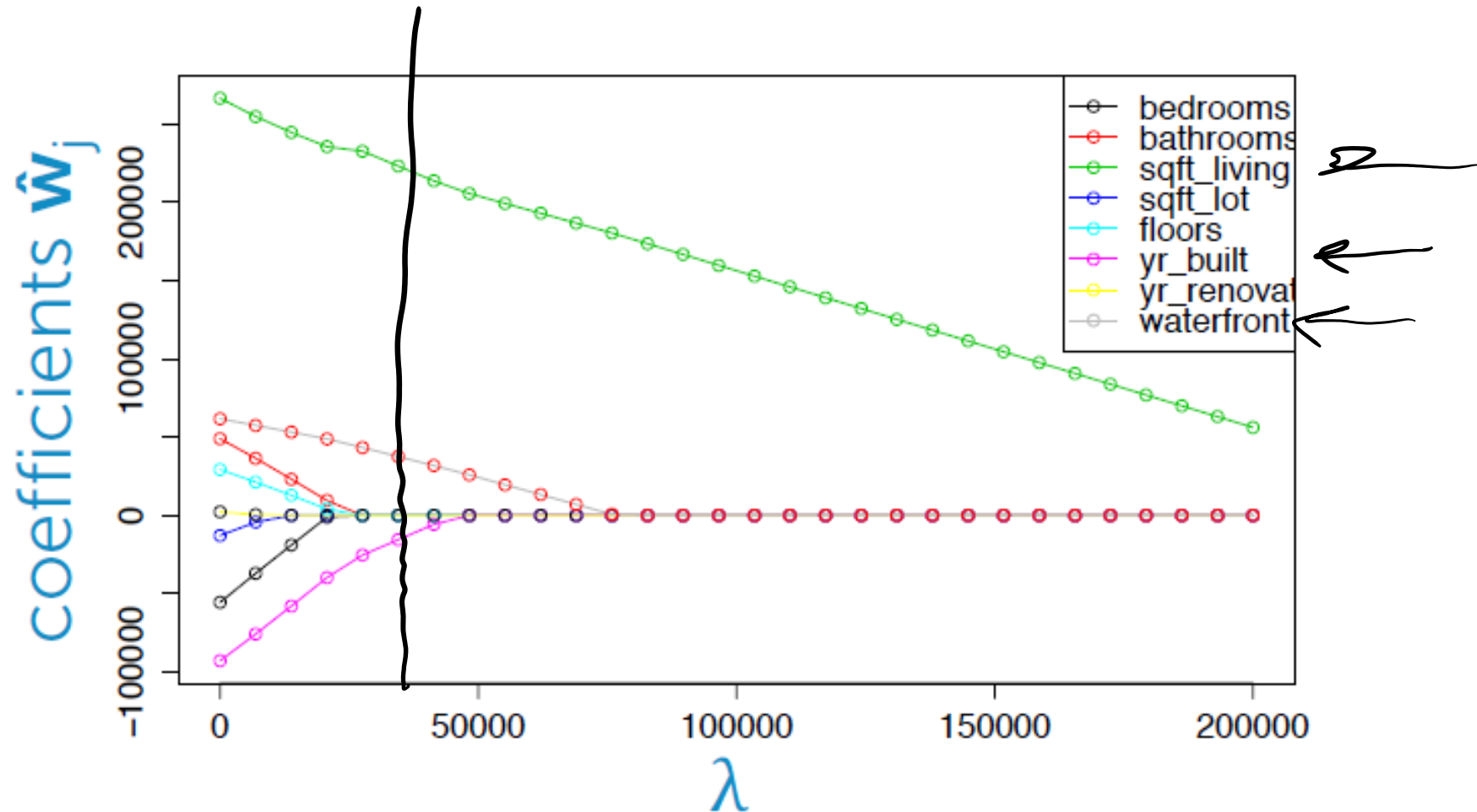


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Regularization as MAP

L1 and L2 regularization can be interpreted as **maximum a-posteriori (MAP) estimation** of the parameters

To be discussed later in the course...

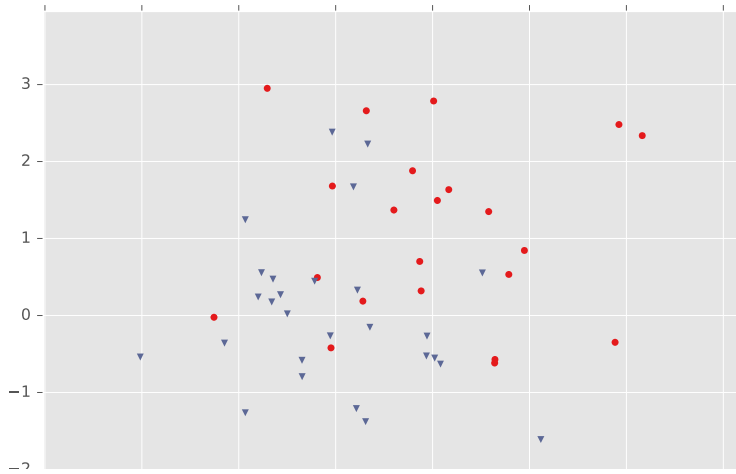
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Logistic Regression with Nonlinear Features

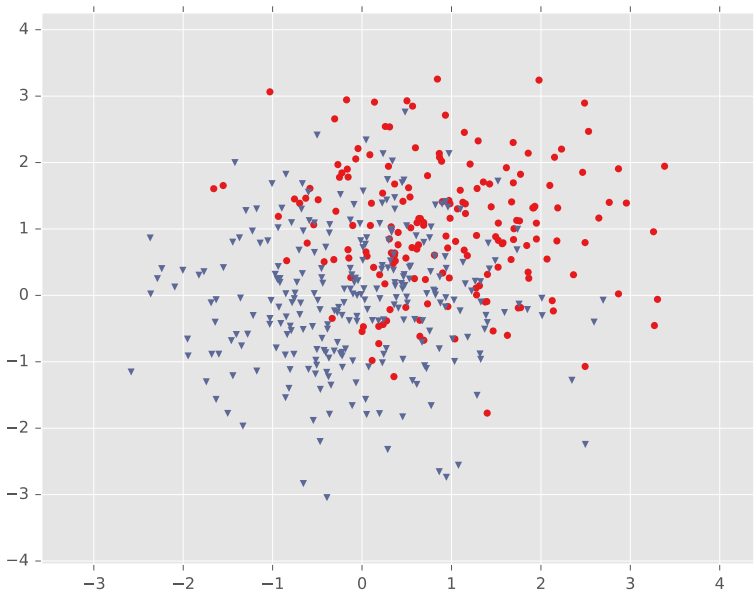
Jupyter notebook demo

Example: Logistic Regression

Training
Data



Test
Data

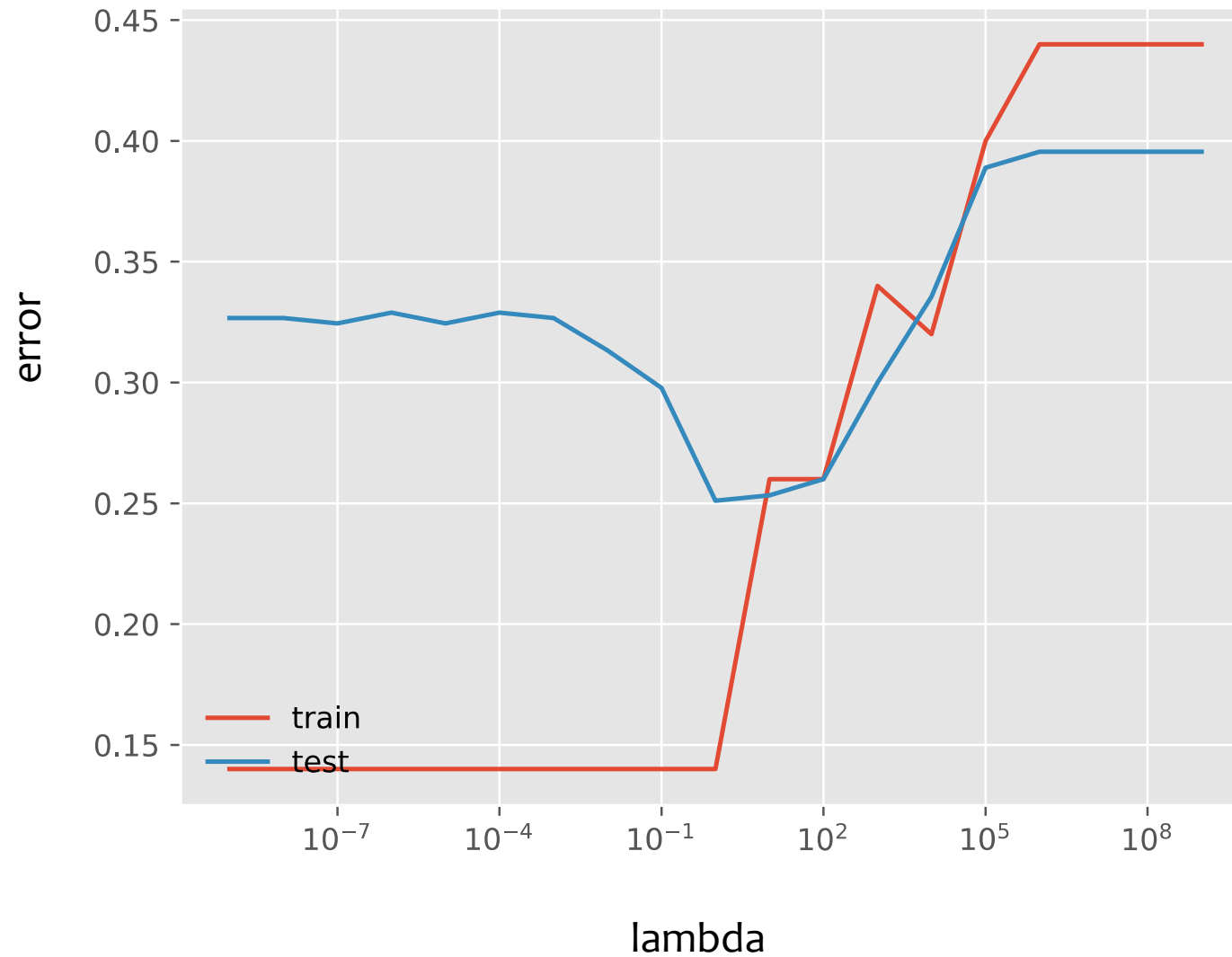


For this example, we construct **nonlinear features** (i.e. feature engineering)

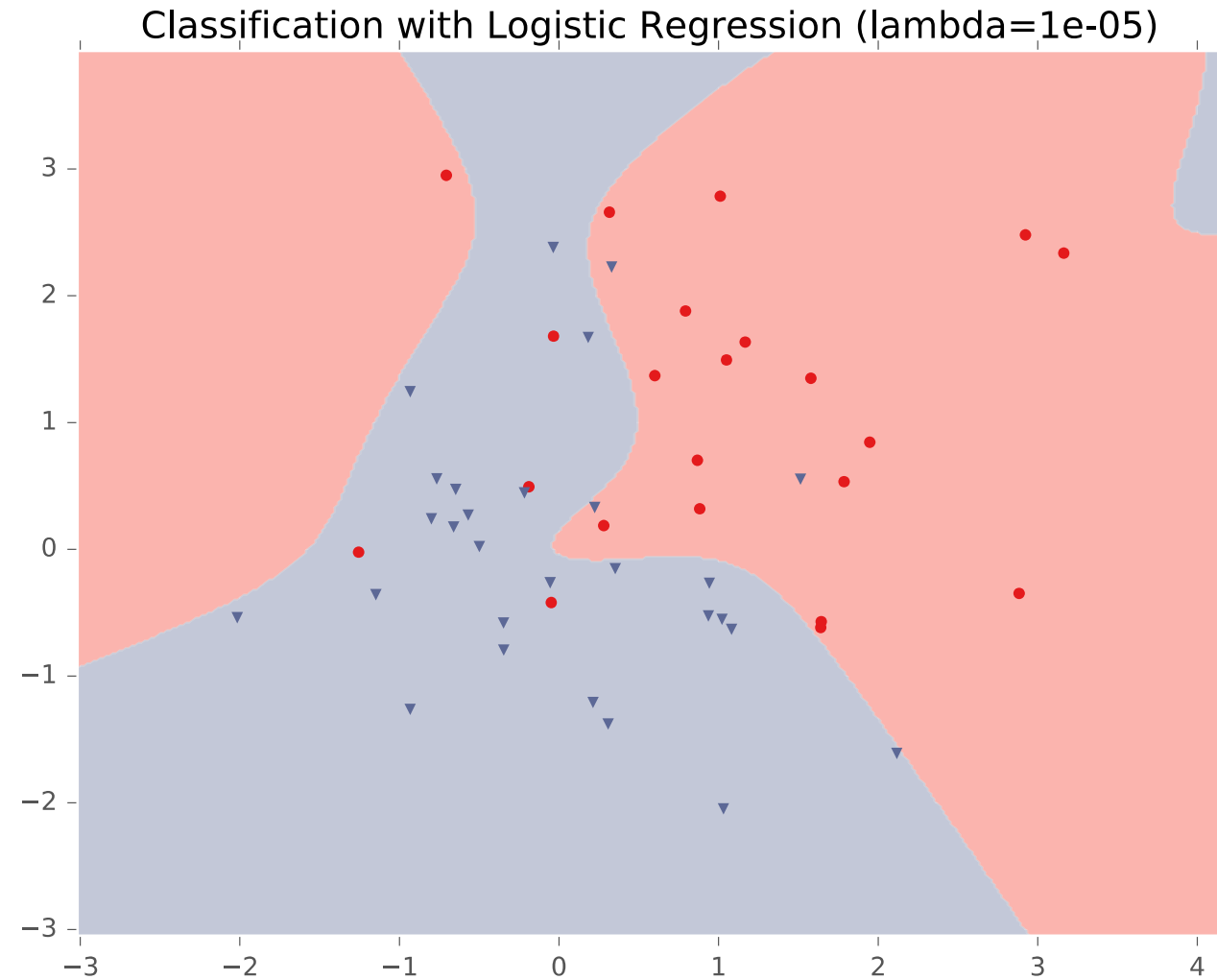
Specifically, we add **polynomials up to order 9** of the two original features x_1 and x_2

Thus our classifier is **linear** in the **high-dimensional feature space**, but the decision boundary is **nonlinear** when visualized in **low-dimensions** (i.e. the original two dimensions)

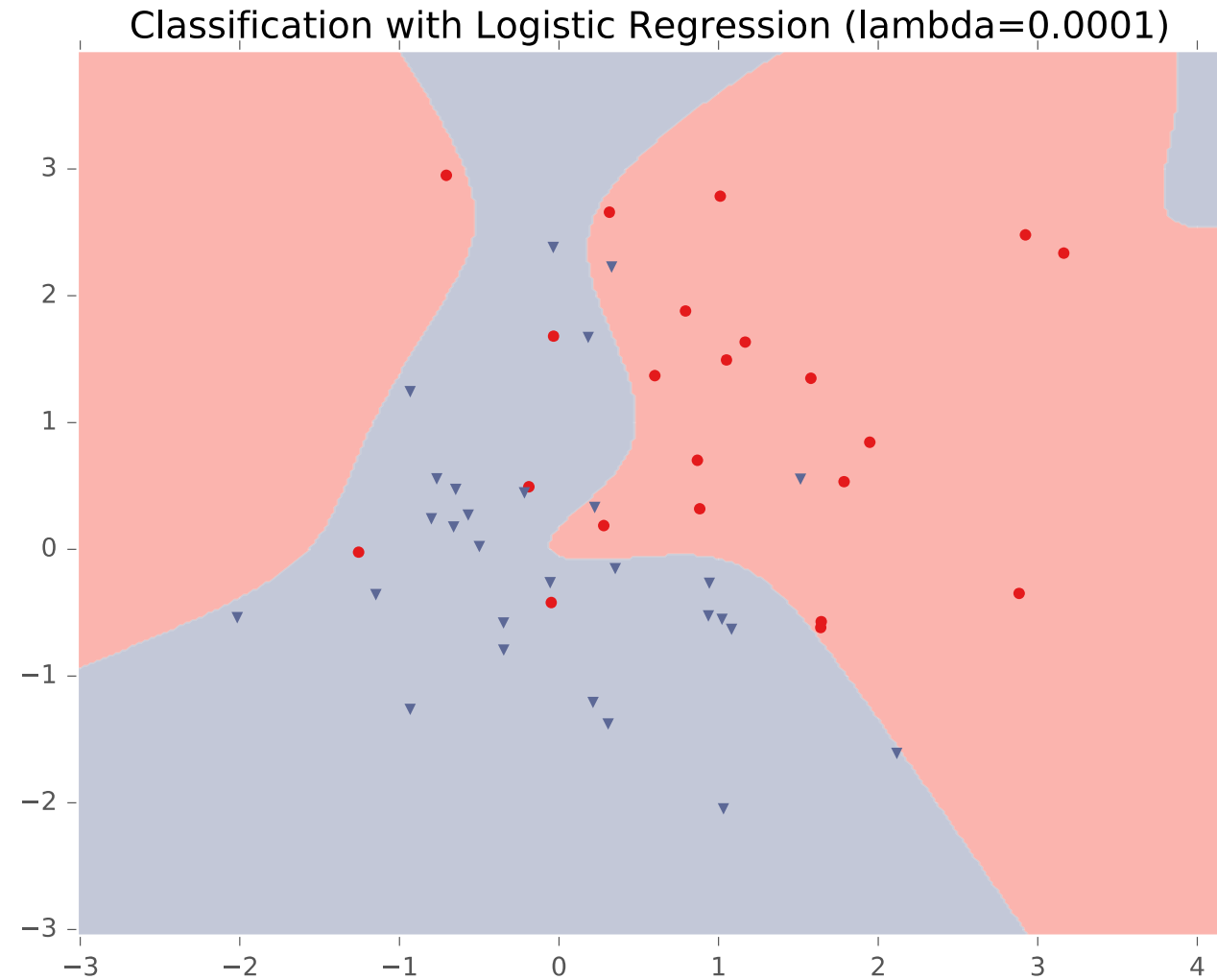
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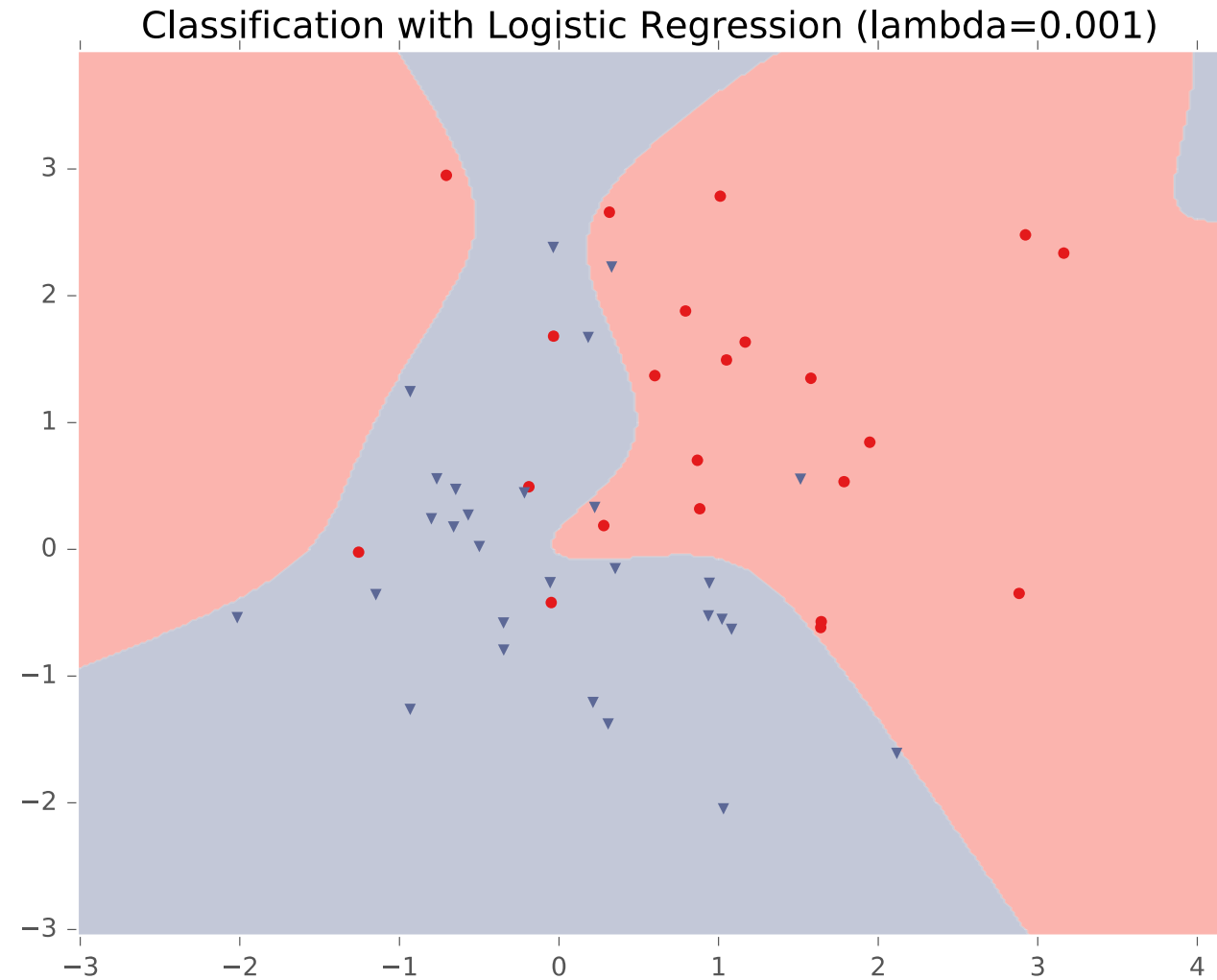
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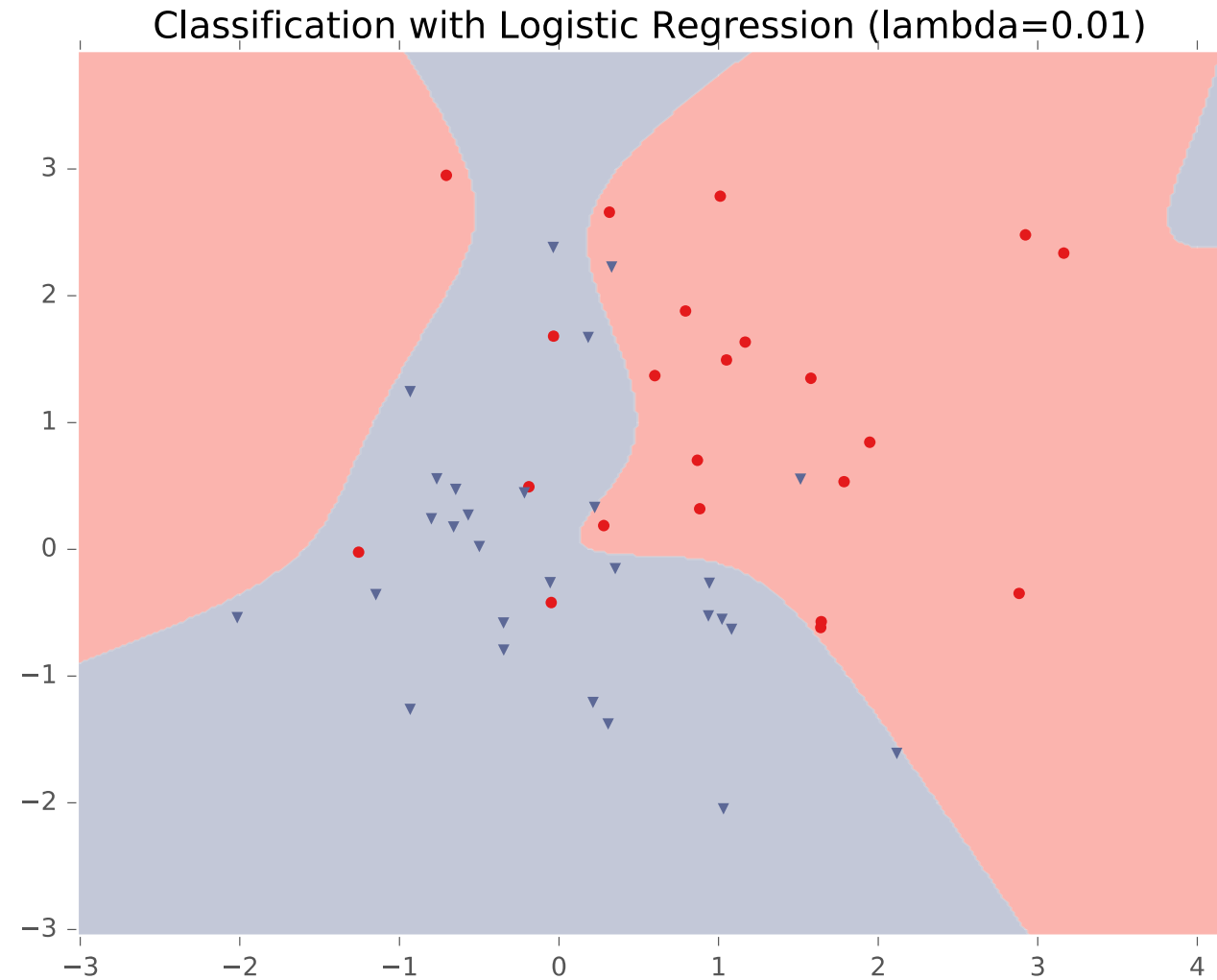
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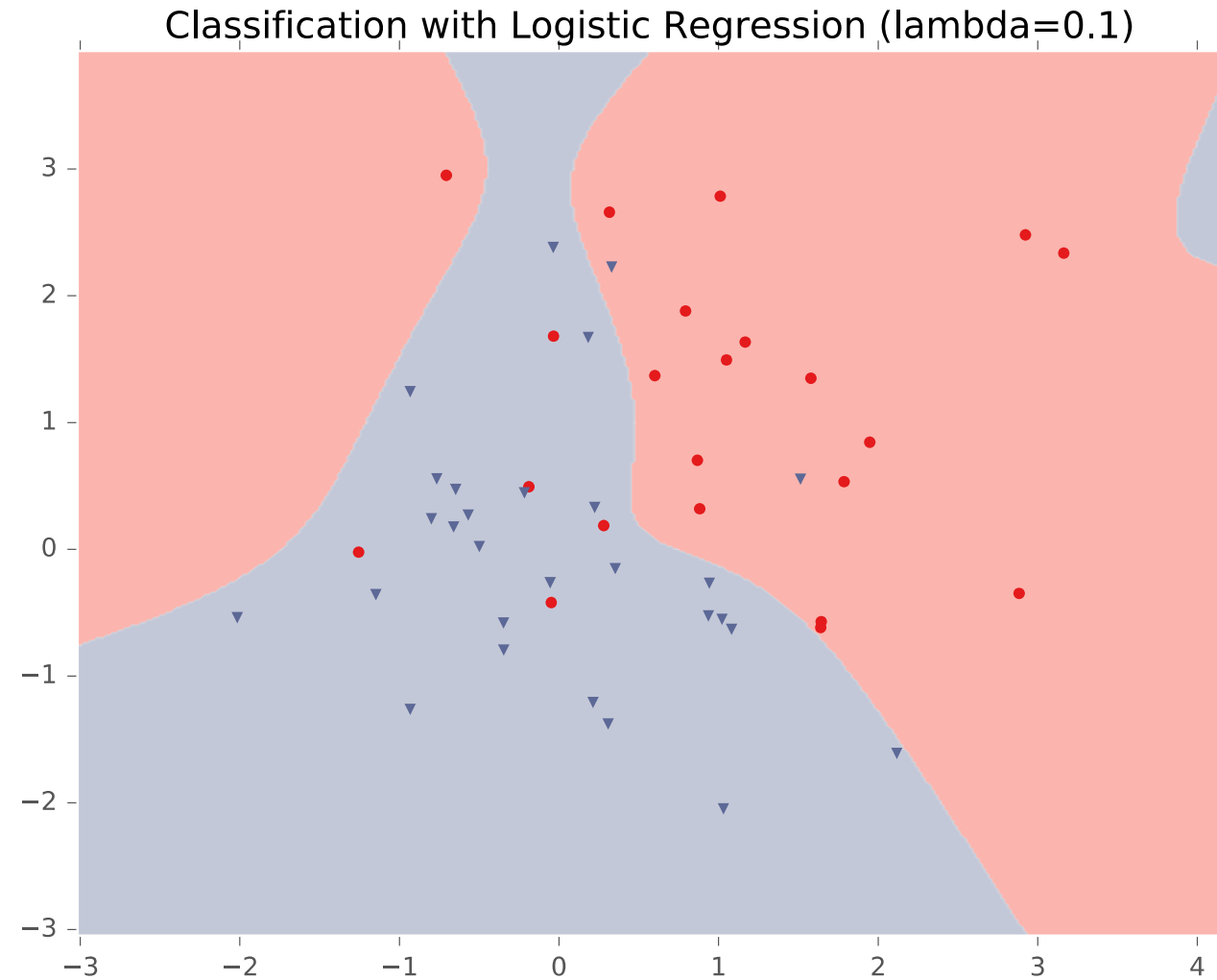
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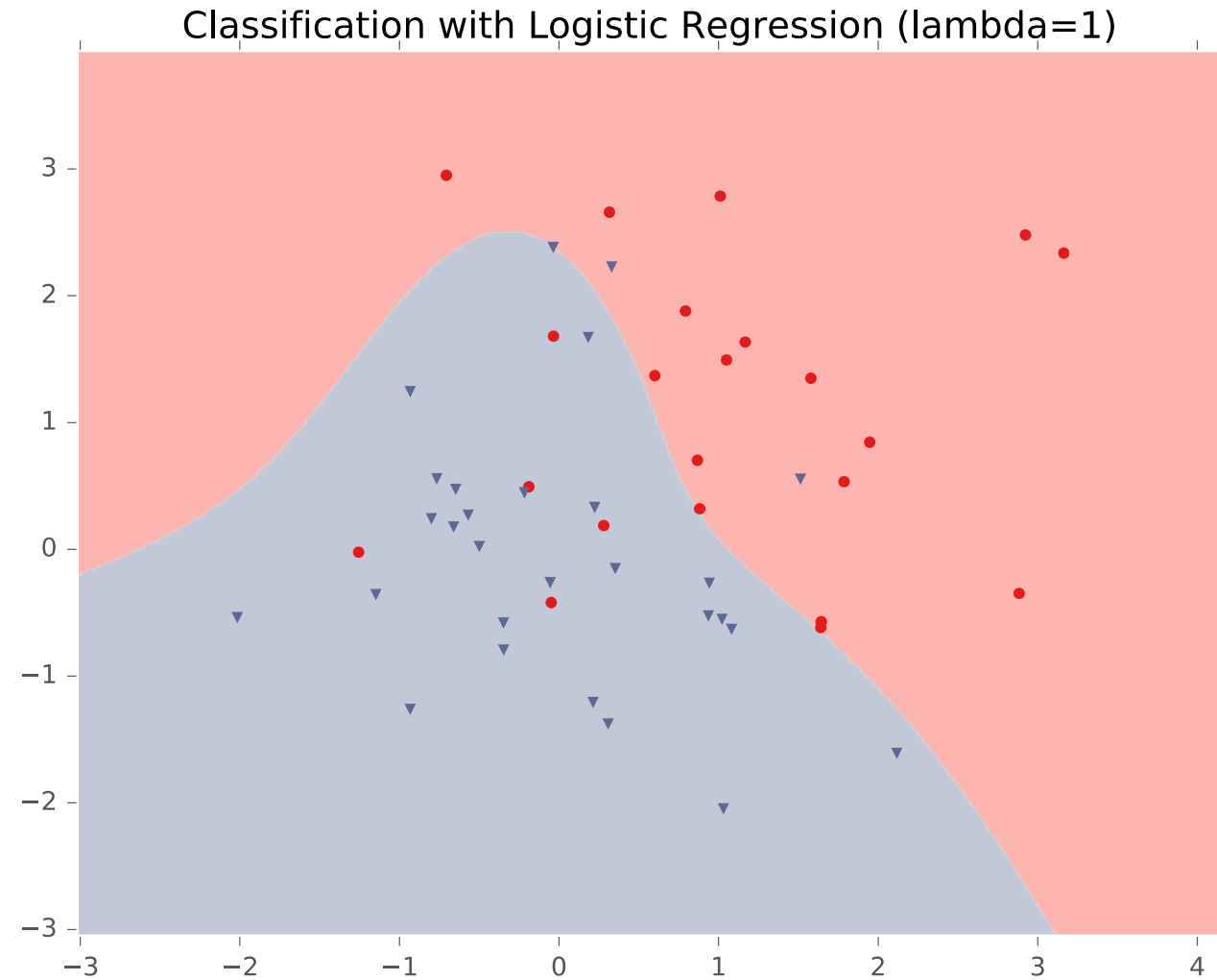
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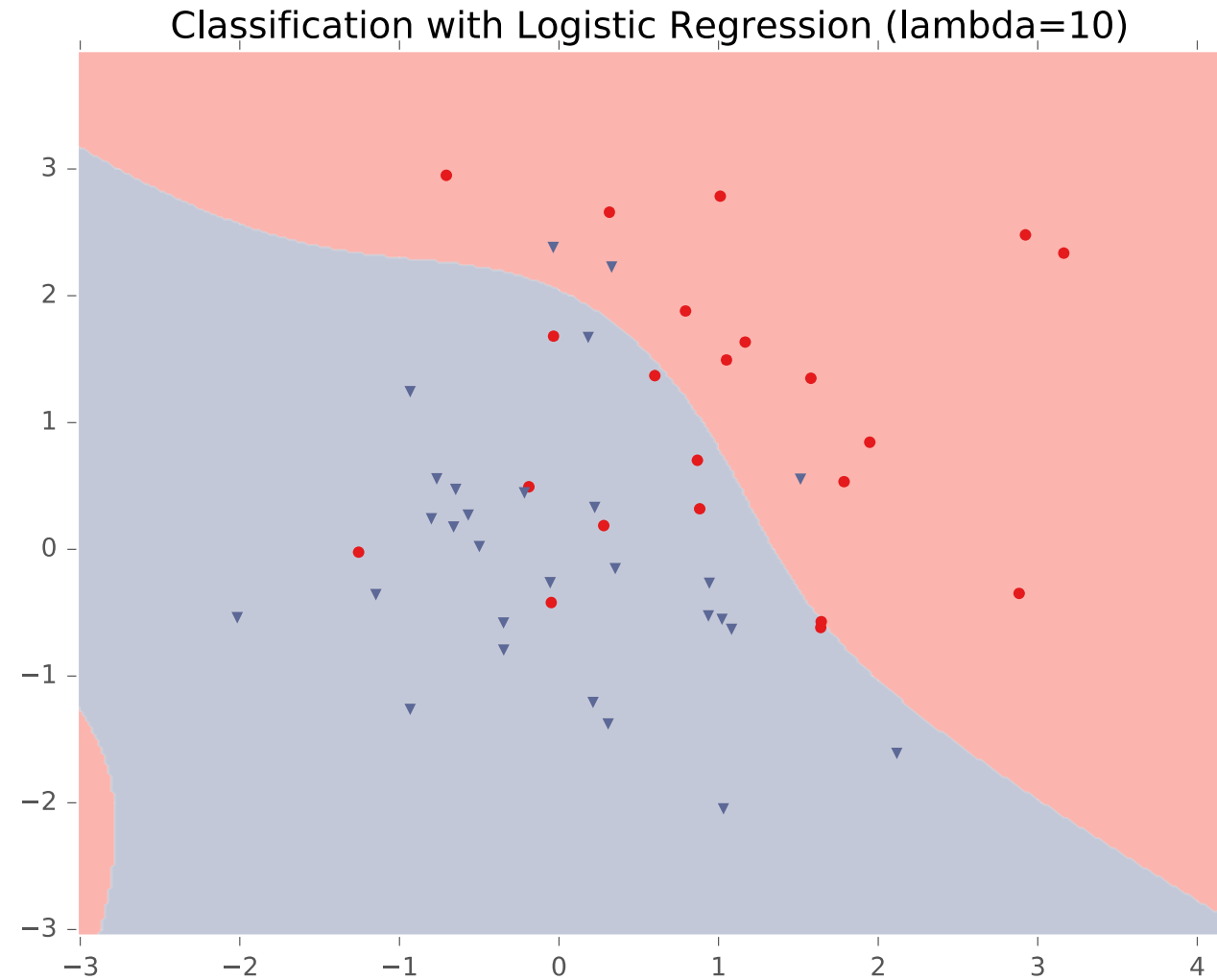
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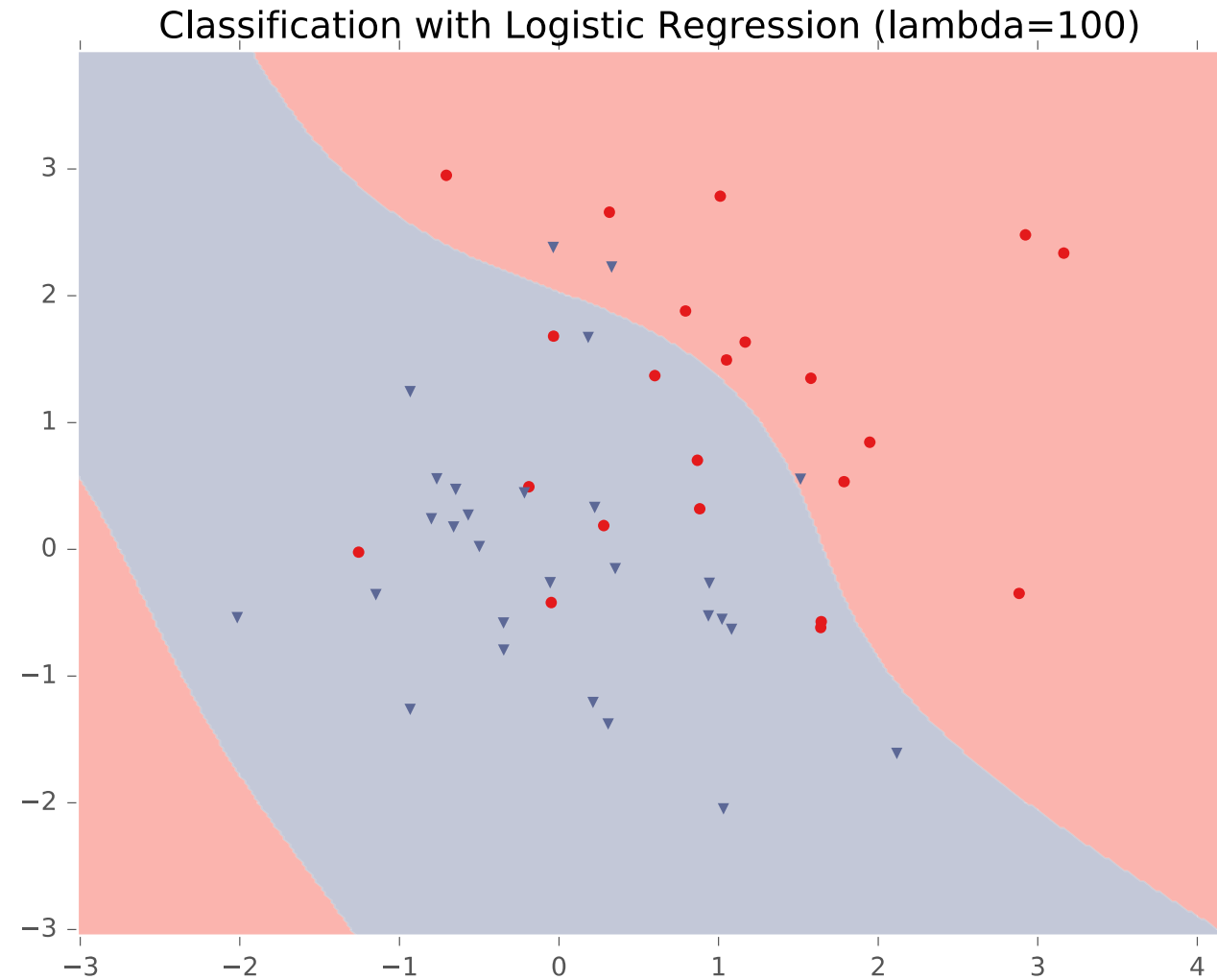
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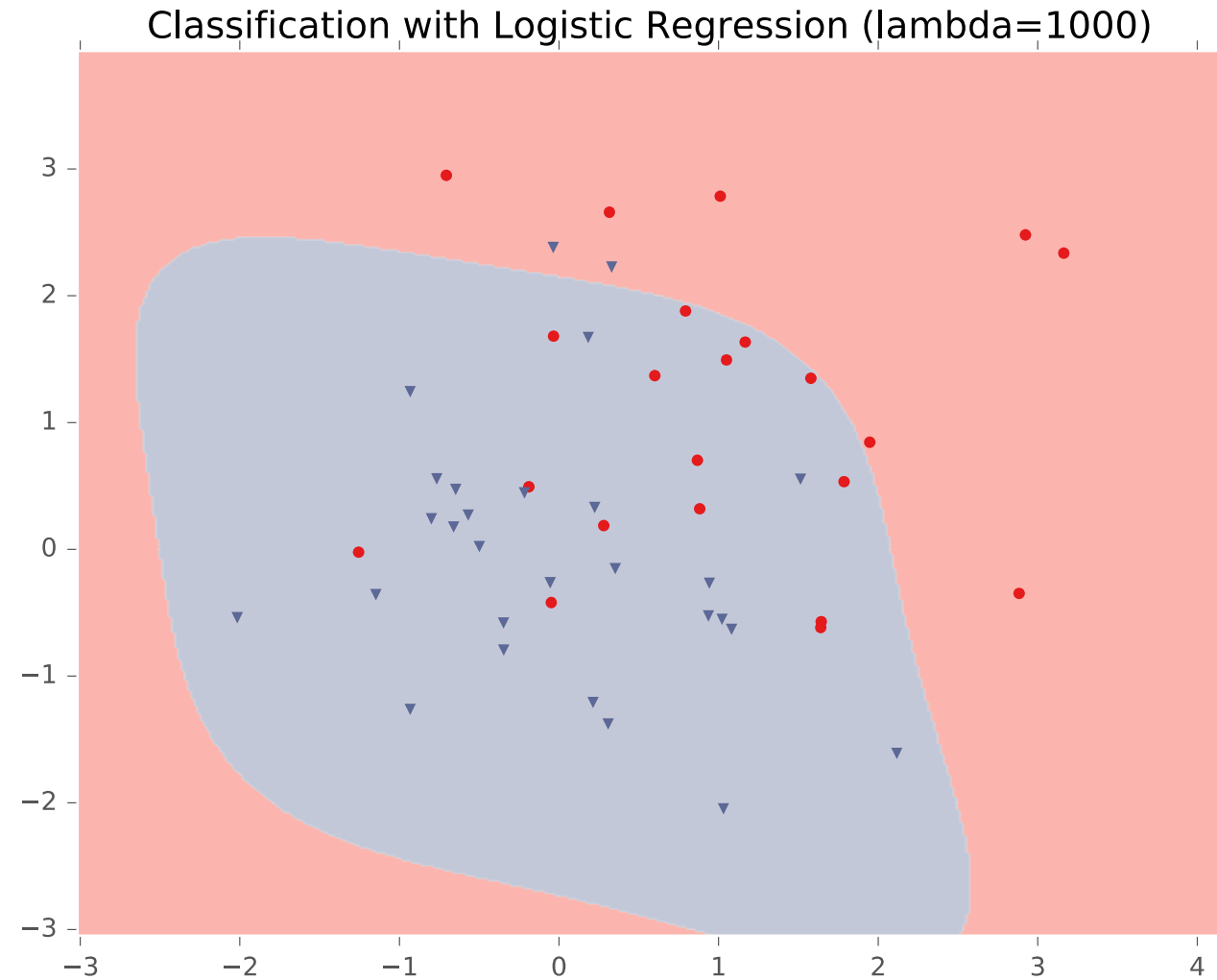
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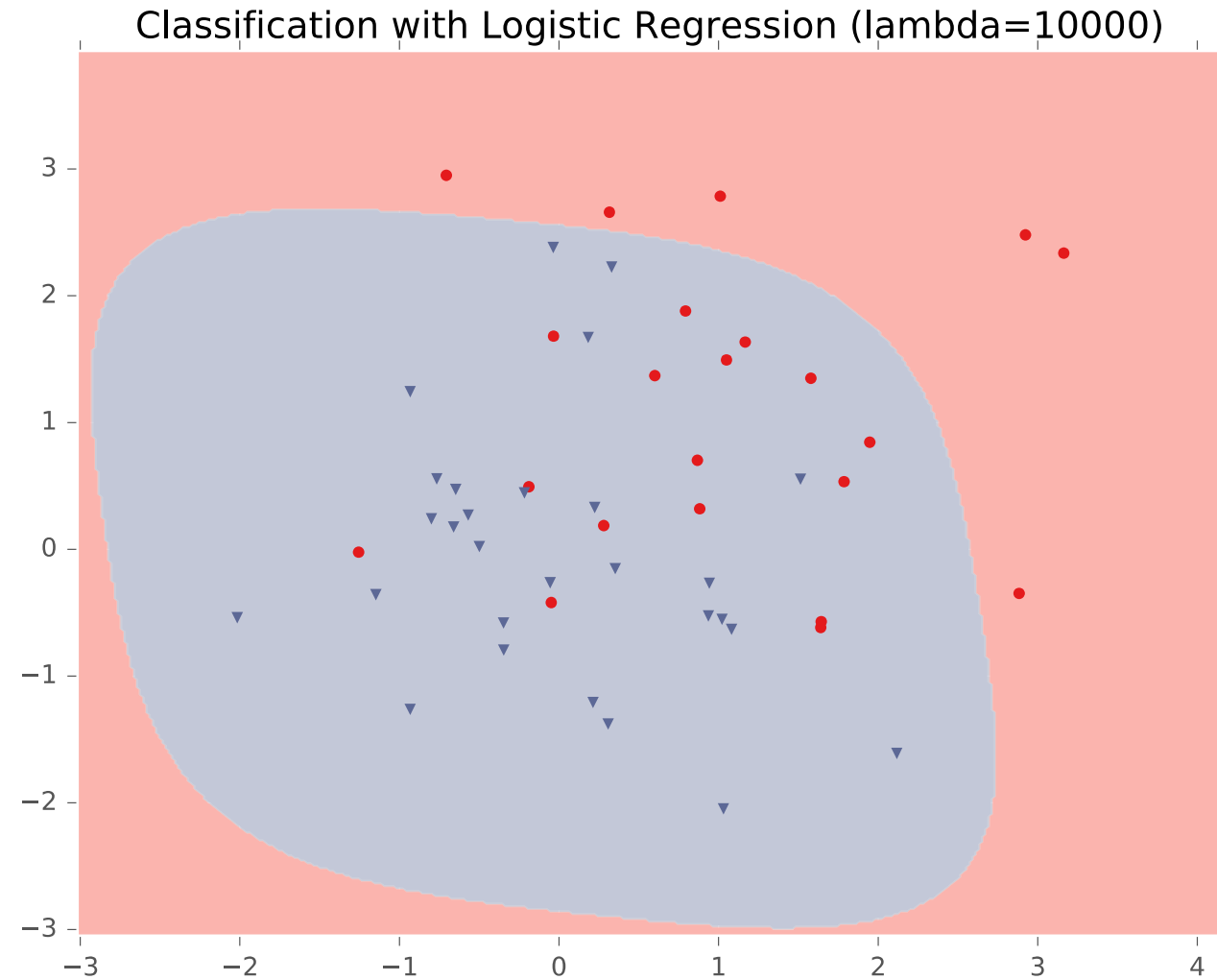
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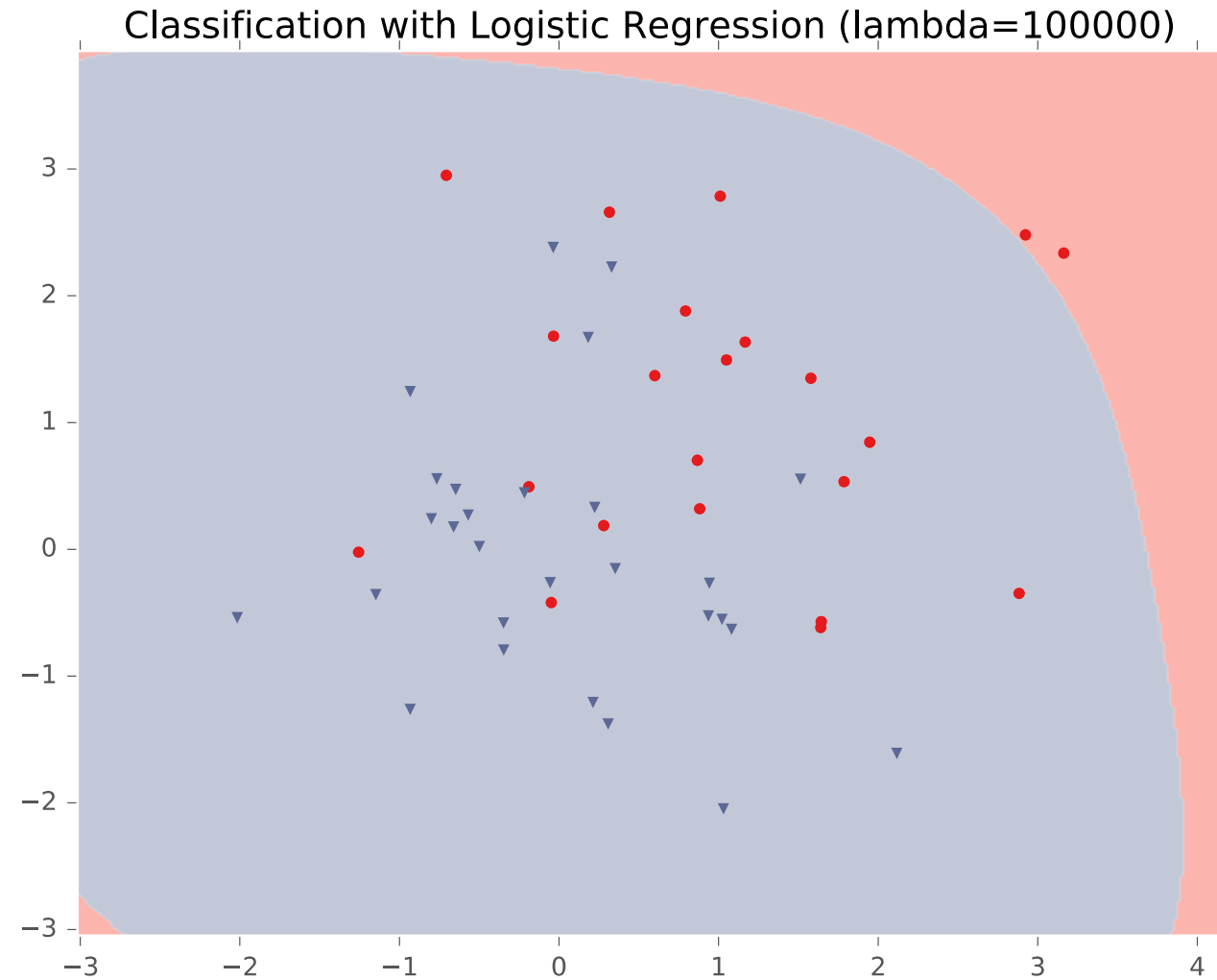
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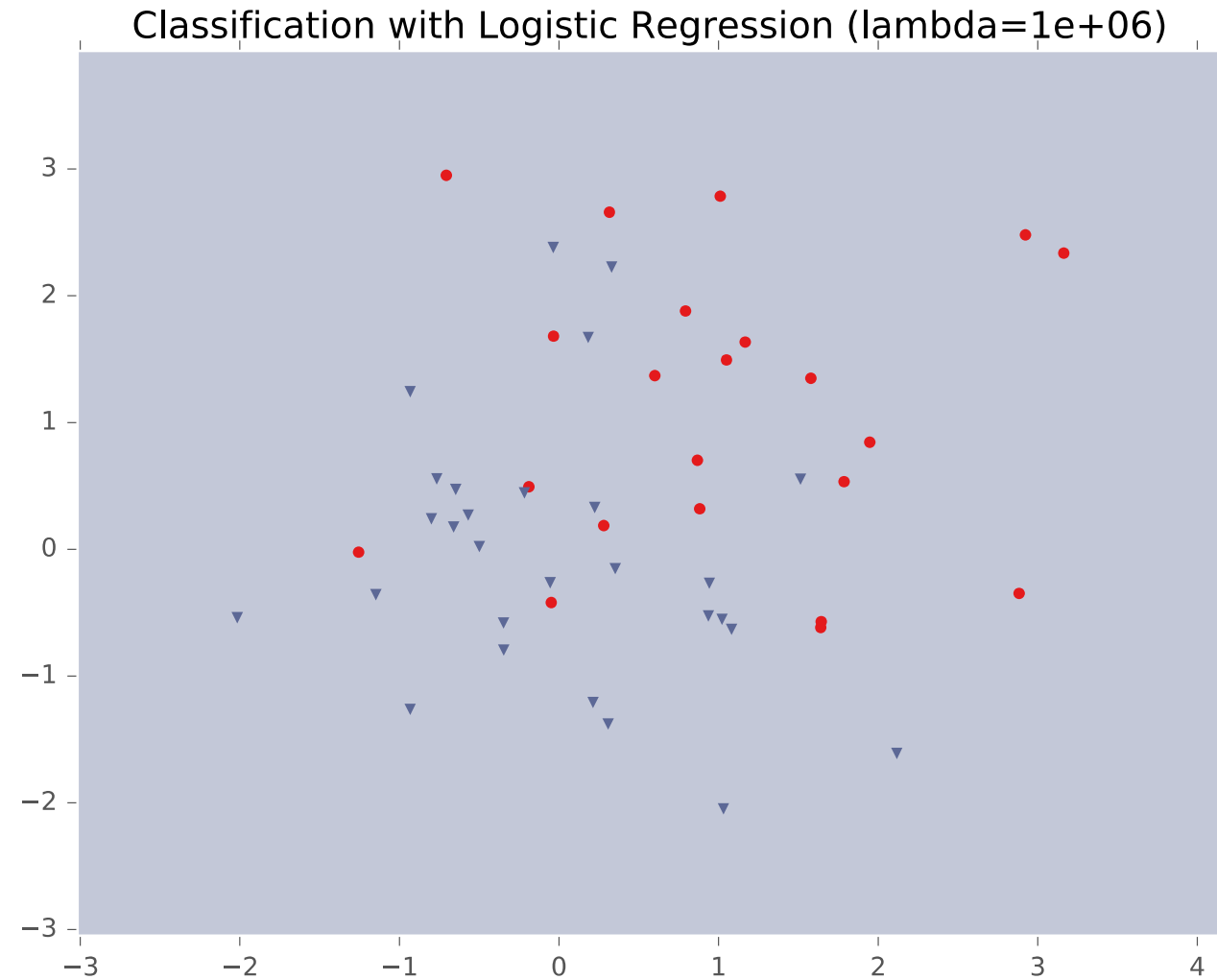
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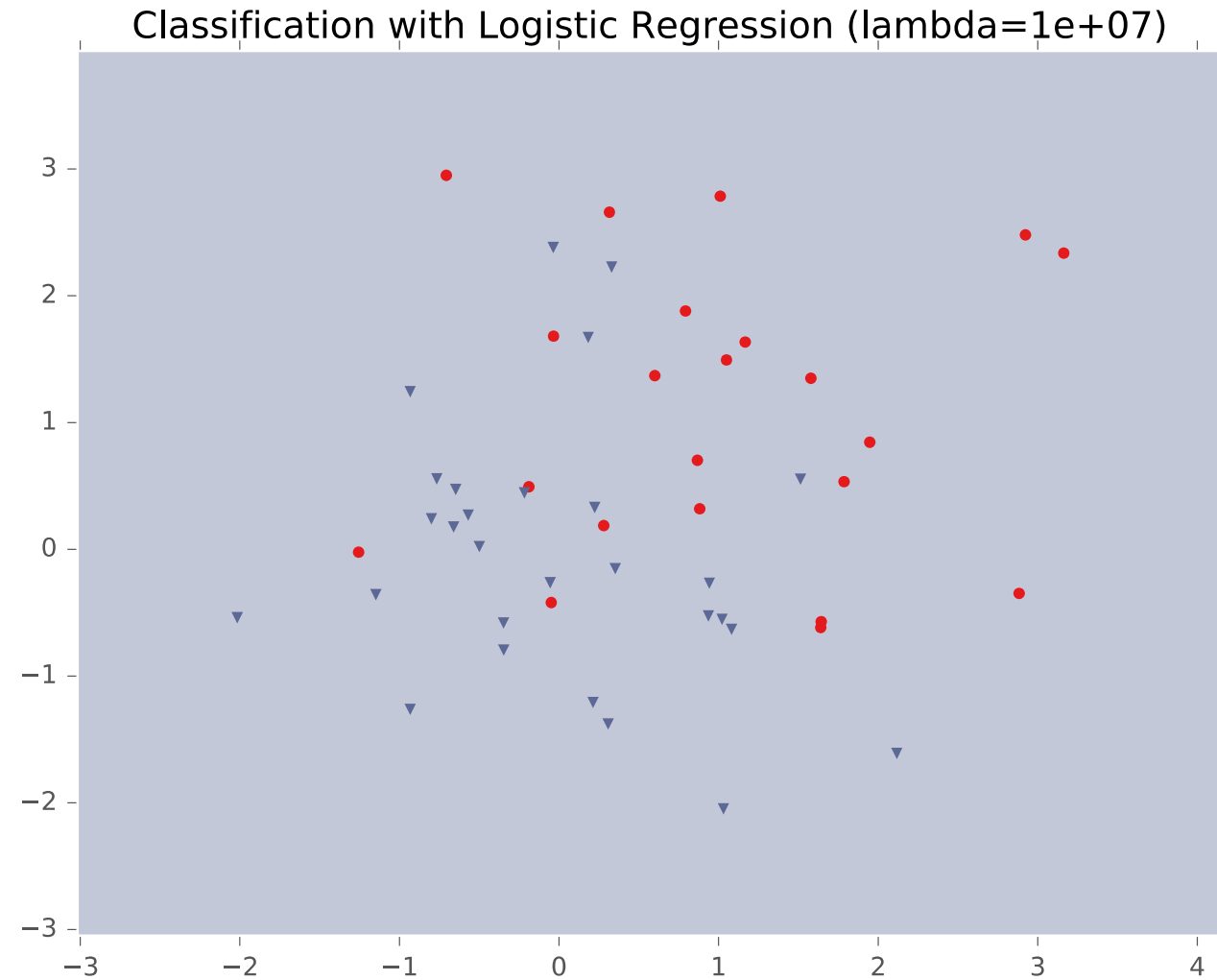
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